

# GEN. LEE CONVINCED THAT THE MAINE WAS DESTROYED BY SPANIARDS.

Evidences That the Navy Department Is in Possession of Dispatches From the Consul-General.

They Convey the Official Information That the Accident Theory Has Become Untenable.

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS AS THEY HOURLY DEVELOP.

Lee's dispatches demonstrate that the accident theory is untenable.

Conclusive evidence that the startling information in his dispatches are suppressed at Washington.

President McKinley admits that this country is preparing for war.

He says it is our duty to prepare for any future emergency.

The partial report from the Board of Inquiry at Havana places the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine on Spain.

The battleship was blown by a torpedo sent against it with a tow line, or by a submarine mine worked by an enemy.

The President has considered plans of action on the final report which is expected to confirm this.

The United States will demand millions of indemnity—ten and possibly fifty millions.

Spain will be given 48 hours in which to pay.

If Spain demurs the squadron will sail across and occupy Cuban custom ports to collect the indemnity. If Spanish ships resist naval war will ensue.

Every ship in the navy is moving toward Key West.

Scovel cables that investigation now shows there is not one chance in a hundred that the Maine was destroyed by accident.

This is not idle speculation, but a conclusion drawn from facts already established.

Everything now indicates that the destruction of the Maine was the work of a Weyler fanatic.

## GEN. LEE WILL NOT LEAVE HAVANA NOW.

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HAVANA, Feb. 24.—There is no truth in the story that Consul-General Lee will return to Washington. He has had no thought of leaving Havana.

SYLVESTER SCOVEL.

## AN OLD PASSAGE UNDER THE SEA.

HAVANA, Feb. 24.—In connection with the claim made by the Cubans that there are mine galleries under the harbor of Havana, leading from subterranean passages, and known to have existed for years between Fort Cabanas, Moro Castle and this port, the Spaniards explain that for over a century a subterranean passage about two miles long and eight feet at its narrowest diameter, capable of giving passage to a column of troops, has existed from the navy yard to Castillo del Principe. But, the Spaniards further assert, the existence of this passage was not known to the present authorities, or to those who have been in power for many years past. The entrances and exits, it is added, have been closed for years past by thick walls now covered with debris and their exact location is said to be lost. At the same time, it is admitted that records regarding this subterranean passage can be found in old documents contained in the archives of Havana. Finally, the Spaniards insist that this passage does not go under the harbor at any point.

Under the surface here there seems to be a deep feeling of unrest. No one believes that autonomy is or can be anything but a name, and there is a still more deep-rooted belief that the United States will not suffer the present condition of things to continue much longer.

## NOT A FACT SUPPORTS ACCIDENT.

ASTOUNDING PROOFS OF TREACHERY NOW BEFORE THE NAVAL BOARD AS SUMMED UP BY SYLVESTER SCOVEL.

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(The following highly important dispatch is sent by the Post-Dispatch staff correspondent in Havana by the Post-Dispatch despatch boat to Key West, and telegraphed hence to the Post-Dispatch. He was not able to send this information direct from Havana before because of the strict censorship of matter sent by cable.)

HAVANA, Cuba, by way of Key West, Fla., Feb. 24.—There is not one chance in a hundred but that the Maine was blown up deliberately.

Whether a mine detonating key was mistaken for a testing key or whether a mammoth contact torpedo broke its moorings by accident, the awful, astounding thing is that up to now there have been discovered fifty actual, positive proofs of the tragic fact.

Against it are only a few theories and suppositions. Persons whose information and judgment command respect believe privately, though they may not say it openly, that the Maine was blown up through some outside agency.

They point to the fact that the only boilers which had steam up were in the part of the wreck which is intact now.

Spontaneous combustion, they say, was impossible in the bunkers, for the oldest coal in the exploded region had been aboard only three months.

The theory of spontaneous combustion in the magazines is disproved, these same experts say, for it would have influenced and exploded all the powder cases alike.

I shall not rush conclusions. I shall simply present the proofs so far discovered on both sides, quoting naval expert testimony and allowing physical discoveries their just value.

I shall also give the arguments on the Spanish side, and I shall state both as though I were under oath to the President of the United States in a case involving a national cataclysm or an international war.

It is now 180 hours since the Maine's death throes shook Havana. Of these 130 have been spent in examining the wreck and wreckage, the things found, and the men who found them, and in subjecting each to experts.

Here are the results:

It seems absolutely certain—and it is exactly so unless the laws of nature changed Feb. 15—that the almost utter annihilation of the Maine cannot possibly have been caused by the explosion in any manner of even 50 times the amount of powder now conservatively known to have exploded in the Maine's interior.

It is well known that the rear group of big and little magazines is intact. Those magazines did not explode. That portion of the Maine is practically uninjured.

Indeed the hull is not badly hurt for the length of 40 feet forward of the after magazines. The navy across-ship steel bulkhead between the two sets of boilers at this point is practically entire.

The only explosions in the Maine which could have broken her are much forward of this bulkhead.

The big 10-inch magazine—with 190 service charges of 250 pounds each—was 45 feet from it.

Had its contents—or half of them—exploded, naval experts say the whole ship would have been pulverized. Yet 45 feet from it the Maine is practically intact.

But the damage done is too great for the explosion of the small magazine adjoining the 10-inch magazine and its shellroom, called the "reserve magazine."

The empty 6-inch and 10-inch powder cases were stored there after the target practice, and it contained not over 2000 pounds of saluting powder.

It could not have caused one-tenth of the damage done even in the 40-foot space between the forward space and the center of the boilers mentioned.

A good deal is definitely known about two other forward magazines. They were small.

One was immediately forward of the big magazine. It was called the "fixed ammunition magazine," and contained 6-pound and 1-pound loaded shells.

Inasmuch as the 10-inch shells in the big magazine, the shellroom and the rear apartment—the vortex of the explosion—did not explode, the little ones surely are intact. Or if they did explode they did comparatively little damage.

The only other forward magazine was the service 6-inch powder and shellroom immediately forward of the fixed ammunition magazine.

Nothing is known about it, except that, being so far forward, in the opinion of experts, its explosion would not have effected the total annihilation of the central portion of the Maine.

However, these three little magazines play a small part in the Maine horror. They are described simply as a part of the forward explosives which might have aided in the wrecking of the ship.

All depends on the big magazine.

There have been raised from the forward part two apparently conflicting things. One is a 10-inch powder case, still loaded. The other is an empty one, smashed and burned.

But as I am competently informed now that the empty 10-inch cases were piled after target practice in the reserve magazine instead of going back into their holes in the 10-inch magazine, this raised, torn case seems to have been a spare or a used case, to which the explosion of the saluting powder in the reserve magazine, or any other explosives, may have given an exploded appearance.

Expert authority states that if the ruptured case had exploded, its own iron handles would have blown off. They are on now.

Further inspection of day before yesterday's find of a 6-inch case shows that its appearance might have been caused by fire and an outside explosive pressure.

A leading member of the Court of Inquiry thinks that neither the six nor the 10-inch empty case found was necessarily detonated. Both almost surely came from the reserve magazine, where both were stored.

But these are only weak negative proofs. The recovering of a big 10-inch case with its cap sprung and the unexploded powder openly exposed is direct, absolute, positive proof that no great proportion of the 25 tons of the big magazine's powder exploded and every expert, every man of common sense rejects the idea that even one charge of one-half pound or 125 pounds of powder could explode in the closed magazine, holding 380 similar thin copper cylinders, each filled with red powder and each having its eight one-inch hexagons of quick-burning, black, detonating powder, without the explosion of all.

Had ten exploded the explosion of all would have been absolutely assured under any and all possible conditions.

But there is one gaping case of powder which is filled and unexploded.

Even if 10 big cases did go and to them were added all the saluting powder and

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## TO AVENGE THE MAINE'S MEN.

THE WHOLE FORCE OF THE AMERICAN WAR FLEET IS STEAMING NIGHT AND DAY FOR SCENE OF EXPECTED HOSTILITIES.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—There is a chart in one of the private rooms of the Navy Department upon which the exact whereabouts, if known, and if not known, the approximate position of every ship in the United States Navy is known. As fast as telegrams and cablegrams are received announcing arrivals and departures, the changes required are made in the positions of the little ships which represent our navy afloat.

An examination of this chart to-day reveals the fact that the prow of every national vessel, whether she be attached to the Mediterranean, the Asiatic, or the South American Squadron, is turned toward Cuban waters, where, upon the chart, a little flag, half-masted, shows the spot where the terrible tragedy of last week occurred.

STEPHEN BONSAI,  
Special Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Secretary Long to-day in answer to inquiries whether the department was suppressing information concerning the disaster to the Maine, wrote the following:

"Navy Department, Washington, D. C., Feb. 24, 1898.—No telegram has been received from either Admiral Sicard or Captains Sampson or Sigsbee since yesterday and the department has received no information with regard to the disaster that has not already been made public. The department is waiting the result of the inquiry, and public opinion should be suspended until some official information is received."  
JOHN D. LONG."

## IF SPANISH TREACHERY IS PROVEN

### THE PRESIDENT WILL ACT AT ONCE.

President McKinley says if the Maine was destroyed by Spanish treachery he will act at once on receiving the report of the Naval Examining Board to that effect and in a manner to meet the approval of every loyal American citizen.

The President made this statement to Gen. William H. Powell of Belleville. Gen. Powell was in command of the regiment in which President McKinley served during the war. The two have been close personal friends since. As a mark of this friendship the President recently appointed the General Collector of Internal Revenue for the Southern Illinois District, in spite of the fact that the full force of the State pull was exerted in favor of State Senator A. J. Willoughby.

Gen. Powell returned Wednesday from Washington, where he went to ascertain what bearing the civil service law had on his office.

When seen Wednesday night the General said he had discussed the Maine disaster and its possible results with the President.

"The President stated to me," said the General, "that he was only waiting for a complete report of the Naval Board of Inquiry and that should it report that our sailors had met their death through Spanish treachery, he was prepared to act at once, and in a manner which would meet the approval of every loyal American citizen."

The General said preparations for war were being pushed with the utmost vigor. Expressing his personal opinion, the General said: "I have no doubt that Havana harbor was mined and that the Maine was sent to anchor over a bed of torpedoes at the instance of the Spanish officials. Whether the mine was exploded under their direction I cannot say, but Spain's responsibility is just the same. I consider that it was an overt act of war which the nation should avenge at the earliest possible moment and thereby serve notice on other nations that the United States, although a peaceful nation, will at all times protect her subjects and resent insults. I am convinced that President McKinley is the right man in the right place and that as soon as Spanish treachery has been proven his policy will be rigid enough to meet the approval even of the most pronounced jingoists."

## COMMODORE SCHLEY WILL COMMAND

### THE NORTH ATLANTIC AMERICAN SQUADRON.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—Commander Winfield Scott Schley, now Chief of Light-House Board, will be in command of the North Atlantic Squadron in the event that naval operations against Havana are instituted in the immediate future.

Admiral Sicard is too ill to go to sea. Commodore Schley is regarded as an energetic and efficient officer.

Winfield Scott Schley was born in Maryland in 1839 and graduated from Annapolis in 1860. He was in several small engagements during the war and distinguished himself at the capture of Fort Hudson, La., Dec. 14, 1862. When the war ended he was a lieutenant-commander. He commanded the expedition to the relief of Gen. Greeley's north pole expedition in 1884 and was captain in command of the Baltimore in 1891, during the Chilean revolution. A number of his sailors went ashore at Valparaiso and were set upon by a Chilean mob. Many sailors were hurt and all were rescued by a party sent from the ship by Schley. He held an immediate investigation on board his ship and reported to Washington in five days. His report was made the subject of a special message to Congress and a large indemnity was collected. He commanded the cruiser New York from the time she went into commission until he was advanced in 1897 to the rank of commodore, when he went to the Light-house Board.

DEPARTURE OF A TORPEDO FLEET FROM MADRID FOR CUBA.

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Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch.

MADRID, Feb. 21.—The Queen invited to lunch with the royal family Capt. Villamil, the commander of the Spanish squadron, about to start for Cuba.

After lunch the Queen gave Villamil photographs of her daughters, herself and the King, upon which she had put in her own handwriting: "To Don Alfonso Villamil, from Alfonso and Christina. May God protect him in his journey."

Villamil's squadron will be composed of three torpedo destroyers, the Pluton, the Terror and the Furor, and the torpedo vessels Rayo, Alcor and Ozor. These craft will be accompanied by the steamer Cadiz, conveying coal and provisions.

The vessels will stop at the Canary Islands and also at Porto Rico before reaching Cuba. It is officially announced that there is no hurry for their joining the

cruisers Oquendo and Viscaya at Havana.

## PROOF OF SPANISH TREACHERY.

NOT A SINGLE HINT OF ACCIDENT IN CONSUL-GENERAL LEE'S DISPATCHES FROM HAVANA TO THE NAVY DEPARTMENT AT WASHINGTON.

THE PRESIDENT ADMITS THAT HE IS PREPARING TO MEET THE CONTINGENCY OF WAR AND IS GETTING READY FOR ANY EMERGENCY.

FROM ALL SECTIONS COME TELEGRAMS ANNOUNCING THE READINESS OF MEN TO ENLIST IN ARMY OR NAVY.

ALL GUN-MAKING HOUSES ARE WORKING DOUBLE TIME TO MEET THE PRESSING ORDERS.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24, 3 P. M.—There is reason to believe that the State Department has received a detailed report from Consul General Lee. The department incautiously betrayed itself to-day in admitting that it had received mail from Gen. Lee.

The significant feature of Gen. Lee's attitude up to this time is that while he has reserved final judgment there is not a word which conveys the expectation on his part that an accident caused the disaster to the Maine.

A feeling of profound concern over the Spanish situation has taken possession of every department within the last 24 hours.

It is a complete transformation of official sentiment and it gradually and reluctantly forces the conviction on those in authority by the accumulating of circumstantial evidence that the accident theory as to the Maine is untenable.

STEPHEN BONSAI,  
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## THE PRESIDENT ADMITS THAT HE IS PREPARING FOR WAR.

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—The Tribune this morning prints the following special from Washington:

"I do not propose to do anything to precipitate war with Spain. Up to the present I do not think war is either necessary or inevitable. I would be lax in my duty, however, if I did not prepare for the future. The situation is grave, and the policy of the Administration will be determined almost entirely by the course of events from time to time. There is no necessity of alarming the people, but Congress must be ready to assist the Administration without making too many inquiries as to the course of current events."

To a Senator who called upon him yesterday, in order to ask some serious questions as to the policy of the Administration, President McKinley, with the utmost frankness, uttered the above words.

There is now no doubt of the fact that the Government of the United States is actually preparing for war with Spain. It does not follow that war will come, but the activity in both the War and Navy Departments is too unmistakable to be concealed.

The President and his Cabinet unite in the belief still, in spite of all evidence to the contrary, that the explosion of the Maine was the result of an unfortunate accident, but they recognize the fact that the contrary may prove true at almost any hour, and that if it is shown, even inferentially, that Spain had a hand in the catastrophe, there will be but one thing to do, and that will be to seize the Island of Cuba by force of arms. At no time since the war of the rebellion has the military branch of the Government been so active as it is to-day.

It is a significant fact that within the last two days there has been a remarkable change in opinion in the Navy Department in regard to the explosion of the Maine. When the first news arrived here last week, experts at the Department were evenly divided as between an accident and design.

But to-day, after studying the later reports, and especially the photos sent from Havana, nine out of ten of the officers at the De-

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WASHINGTON CITY IS  
AMPLEY DEFENDED.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Can the Spaniards capture the capital? That is being asked on all sides. The answer is not distinctly no.

Washington is a point the Spaniards would like to reach in the event of hostilities and one which they would not doubt attempt to destroy. The geographical position of Washington is greatly in its favor, but at the same time it is on an open waterway leading to the ocean and may be considered in the light of a coast city that would be reached and shelled by the gunboats of an enemy.

Washington is, however, prepared to give an invading fleet a very warm reception and in the event of war being declared, it is said by competent engineers, the present fortifications could be greatly strengthened in a very short time.

Washington's defenses consist of gun and mortar batteries located at a sufficient distance from the city to enable any enemy before he could get within gunshot of the city. There are three and a half to two inch guns of approved modern type mounted on disappearing carriages, fully protected from the fire of a foe. In addition to these five-inch smooth bore and a mortar battery.

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Upon Fort Washington and Sheridan Point, two sites facing each other from opposite sides of the Potomac, a few miles below Washington, are located fortifications upon which the safety of the city depends. The former is a historic point, a few miles below Washington, are located fortifications upon which the safety of the city depends.

It is generally believed here that the river has been blocked off and mined so that the ships of an enemy could be blown out of the water before it would be necessary to use the guns at the fort. It is also believed that a tunnel has been constructed under the river from Washington to Fort Washington with Sheridan's Point.

Work has been going on at the defenses for some years. In addition to the defenses close to Washington an enemy's fleet must pass the guns planted at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay, where 10-inch high-power guns and 12-inch mortars in large numbers are located. There is also a range-finding tower at Hampton Roads.

THE GREAT GATLING  
NEARLY COMPLETED.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 24.—Dr. R. J. Gatling, the inventor of the famous gun which bears his name, has just arrived in Cleveland to conduct the finishing touches to the big gun being constructed for the Government here. In an interview Gatling said:

"Yes, I shall make every endeavor to hasten the work upon the gun, in view of the present situation. Although nothing has yet been said to me by the Government upon the subject, I know the feeling and the efforts that are everywhere being made to hasten preparations. The big gun may perhaps be ready to send East in a week, and if the latter are not too busy at Washington, which I rather fear is the case, it may be ready to go in a fortnight."

Of course, what the gun will do depends altogether upon the firing tests to be made when it is finished, but so far everything is favorable. The tests of tensile strength of the special steel used for the gun shows it to be very high, being 100,000 pounds to the square inch. The steel of the built up gun runs about 90,000 pounds.

"The readiness of this country for emergencies," I am sorry to say that our preparation is not what it should be. The long and short of it is that the Government is trying to do now. With the recent gun we have at hand, we are blocking the channels with sunken ships, but protect the coast. If we should try with all our might it would take full 12 months to get into desirable shape along the coast."

Gen. Miles, the head of the United States Army, and other members of the Bureau of Ordnance, will be in Cleveland for several days, probably next week, to see the final work on the new type of big coast defense gun.

INVENTOR HOLLAND'S  
SUBMARINE BOAT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The submarine boat Holland, which was built by Elizabeth Nixon at the Crescent shipyards in Elizabeth, N. J., is now lying in deep water on that place. She has not yet had a trial trip, and Builder Nixon said he did not know when it would take place. He said that his firm had fulfilled its contract nearly a year ago and that whatever was now done by the vessel would be under the direction of inventor Holland. It is understood that Mr. Holland has been working on the machinery of the boat for several months and that he is now confident that the vessel can travel under water. Regarding the report that two Spanish detectives were watching the Holland, Mr. Nixon said he had not noticed any strangers about his yard, but they could be in the vicinity and he did not know. Mr. Nixon says that when he takes the boat for her trial trip it will be in deep water, where there will be plenty of room and but little chance as the boat when submerged might make the water thick and render steering difficult.

Mr. Nixon said to-day that he did not know whether the present relations between the United States and Spain had anything to do with inventor Holland running the boat into deep water.

Mr. Holland said last evening that if his boat proved successful he was sure it would, he would allow the United States to purchase her, but would not sell the Holland to any other Government.

## ALLEN RESOLUTION KILLED.

The Senate Decided It Was Out of Order.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Senate yesterday evening voted down the Allen resolution by a vote of 51 to 5. The resolution was offered as an amendment to the consular and diplomatic bill, and provided for an investigation of affairs in Cuba. After long debate, Mr. Hale made the point of order that the resolution was out of order and he was sustained. The resolution was then laid on the table.

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## BARGAIN SQUARE NO. 1.

dress remnants. trimming—remnants

Remnants of Dress Fabrics—the choicest goods—Cheviots, Two Tone Effects—Nun's Vellings, Scotch Cheviots, Fancy Weaves of all our finest goods sold during the past 10 days and values up to 80c per yard—great lots on Friday—at 15c, 10c and down to—per yard.

## BARGAIN SQUARE NO. 2.

lace remnants.

Remnants of Point Venise Edging and Insertions—Oriental Laces—In cream and white, 4 to 10 in. wide, 45 and 50c yard—worth up to 10c—Friday—yard.

## BARGAIN SQUARE NO. 3.

hosiery.

60's Ladies' Fine Full Cables Cotton Hose, worth 10c; Friday for 5c.

## BARGAIN SQUARE NO. 4.

wrappers.

50's Ladies' Fine Full Cables Cotton Hose, worth 10c; Friday for 5c.

## GREAT REMNANT SALE

FRIDAY every department must close out all remnants at some price—prices are made to do it and not a remnant must be left after FRIDAY.

## silk remnants.

Remnants of Figured China changeable Figured Silks, this season's patterns, and worth up to 40c per yard—Friday Bargain 25c.

## silk skirts.

A few (say 60) very handsome all-silk Brocade Dress Skirts—elegant patterns—lined and interlined—not sold anywhere less than \$4.00—On Friday—

## basement bargains.

100 yards Woolenettes and Saxony Mixtures, suitable for Dress Goods and Wrappers—worth 10c—Friday Sale Price—

## linen remnants.

50 doz. Bleached Fringed Towels, size 48x24 inches, worth 15c each—Friday Price—

## kid gloves.

50 dozen Genuine French Kid Gloves, 4-button, black, worth \$1.00 per pair, Sale Price 49c.

100 dozen Genuine French Kid Gloves, 10-button, 3-class, 4-button and 5-hook, plique and overcast, all sizes and colors, worth up to \$1.50 per pair, Sale Price 75c.

## household

100 Fancy Japanese Bird Cages, worth \$1.00, Friday's Price—

## needs.

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## undermuslins.

Lot of high neck Corset Covers—until noon for 5c.

## corsets.

Lot of Ladies' Muslin Drawers, hem and tucked—until noon—for 12½c.

## lace curtains.

Lot of Drapery Swisses, large and small dots, regular price 10c, Friday at 5c.

## lining remnants.

Remnants of 36-inch Silesia Linings, in black, gray and all colors, in short lengths, 4 to 10 yds., regular price 10c, Friday price 5c.

## silk skirts.

Just 45 very elegant large figure Brocade all-silk Dress Skirts—lined throughout—the price in every store (except ours) \$6.75—Here on Friday—

## basement bargains.

100 yards Dress Satens, in black grounds, with colored figures, elegant Wrapper patterns, worth 20c—Friday Sale Price—

## lace curtains.

Lot of best Oil Opaque Cloth Window Shades, ready to hang, regular price 50c, Friday at 19c.

## linen remnants.

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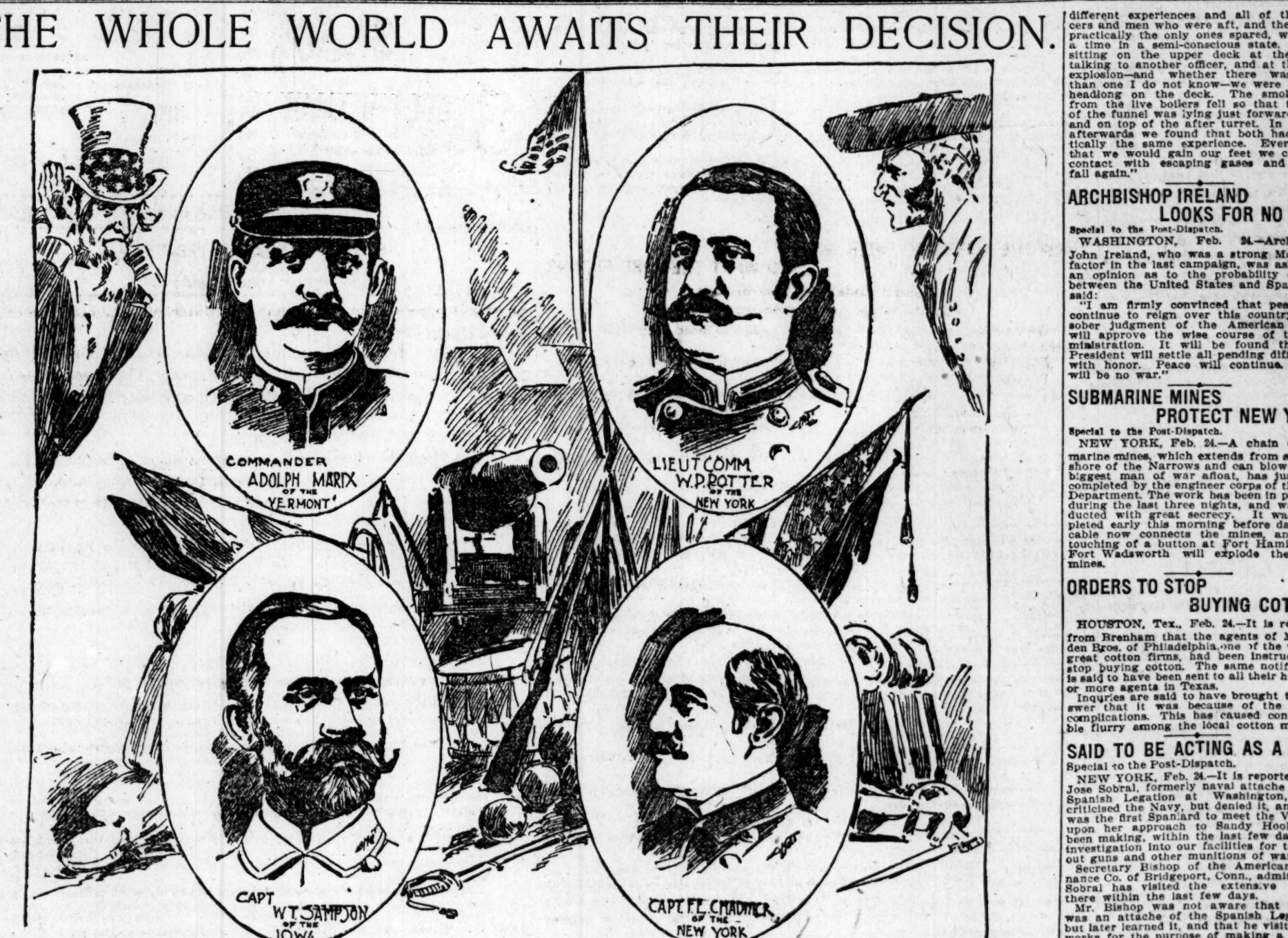
## household

100 Never-Break Steel Skillets, worth 50c, Friday's Price—

## needs.

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## THE WHOLE WORLD AWAITS THEIR DECISION.



On the Finding of These Four Men, Forming the Court of Inquiry of the United States Navy, Rests the Answer to the Question Whether the Maine Was Wrecked by Accident or by Design.

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**The baking powder that will equal Royal in leavening power and purity has yet to be compounded.**

accident, well and good, but if it was on account of treachery, and the immediate cause of the disaster was by a torpedo or a mine, God help Spain."

Not only the cleanest, but we have the best fighting blood of any navy in the world. The boys would not ask for more than 34 hours with the Spanish Navy. I have the greatest respect in the world for the British Navy, and so have the rank and file of our navy, but we are not afraid of the British Navy. We are not afraid of the British Navy. We are not afraid of the British Navy.

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who died last Friday, was \$800 short in his accounts according to postoffice inspectors who had examined the accounts. Mr. Chenery had held the position of cashier about forty years and had never been suspected of peculation.



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## WHAT NEXT?

There is now no reasonable doubt that the Maine was not destroyed by accident, but by treacherous design. All the evidence points to this conclusion. It is the opinion of all Americans on the scene of the disaster. It is reasonably certain that this conclusion has been foreseen in partial reports sent to Washington by Capt. Sigbee and the Naval Board of Inquiry. What next?

The American people, horror-stricken and grief-stricken over the terrible catastrophe, with detestation of the murderous deed and a determination to act as a brave, intelligent, high-spirited people should act, await the decision of the Administration.

It is to the credit of the American people that they do not believe the Spanish Government capable of such treachery. But the deed was committed in a Spanish harbor while the Maine was in the power and supposedly the friendly care of Spanish authorities. Spaniards threatened the ship and have rejoiced at her destruction. Causes of friction and animosity between the two nations existed. The American people will hold Spain answerable for the disaster.

If the Administration demands a money reparation it is only a diplomatic step towards the settlement of the issue involved. It offers Spain an opportunity to declare her position and her intention. On that declaration, on the attitude and conduct of Spain in the crisis will depend the outcome.

The money question is the least consideration involved. The real issue is a question of good faith, of honor, of the safety of Americans and American ships in foreign ports.

War may not come. It is to be hoped it will not come. But the issue of the Maine disaster must be settled right. On this point the American people are a unit. To this end the Administration may count upon their hearty and harmonious support. The issue should be awaited with calmness. In a matter of this gravity passion and rashness should not govern our councils.

The regular circulation of the Post-Dispatch last Sunday was 119,402 copies.

An ultimatum to the Old Remainer in the Ruined Temple of Truth: Quit snarling over the Post-Dispatch's success or quit using the Post-Dispatch's news and pictures.

## THE CAT COMES BACK.

Senator Hanna comes out of the obscurity into which he was cast by the smoke of the Maine's explosion to remark that "there will be no war," and, in the face of all the evidence and the opinions of those in position to know, to express the unqualified belief that the Maine disaster was due to accident.

This utterance of Boss Hanna will please our back-biting Spanish friends, whether it was a sincere opinion based upon superiority to mere facts and conditions or was a diplomatic remark becoming in a Deputy President who carries the weight of governmental responsibility.

But to the American people what Senator Hanna says is not so important as the fact that he is saying something and has again come into the focus of the public eye.

The public cherished the hope that the time for the disappearing of the pesky Hanna would be prolonged and the light which beat upon his throne had been permanently turned down.

Apparently this was a false hope. The reappearance of Senator Hanna suggests the unpleasant possibility of the finding of a bewhiskered wanderer named Dole, who mysteriously disappeared when the Maine went down, the revival of the burning issue regarding the Prisoner of Pittsburgh, Chris Von der Ahe, and the return to conspiracy of the John Smith interrogation point.

On Monday the Post-Dispatch published photographs views of the Maine wreck. On Tuesday the Republic published the same views. Wednesday the wreck pictures were published in the Globe-Democrat. The point is obvious to the reading public.

## ZOLA'S SPLENDID PROTEST.

Emile Zola stands out prominently to-day as the one sane, massive figure in France. He has made a splendid, never-to-be-forgotten protest against military despotism and race bigotry. He stood alone and defied a government pledged to star chamber methods and a populace frantic with religious and class prejudice.

The peculiar genius of French legal procedure, however, while allowing Zola to be dramatic and impressive, prevented him from being convincing. He had satisfied himself that a grave act of injustice had been done, but when he sought to have it righted by the testimony in court of those who know the facts he found himself checkmated by the absurd ruling that it is no affair of the court whether witnesses testify or not.

Under the circumstances, all that was left Zola was the right to renew the emphatic protest he had made against the sand-bagging of justice in the interests of a military clique. As he says, his condemnation for such a course will be "the seed that will germinate and prevent the French falling into indifference" at a crisis when "the very life of the people is at stake."

But Zola has been convicted. Such a conviction would have been imposed under the Anglo-Saxon methods of legal procedure. Such an outcome of this remarkable trial ought to teach the people that courts are powerless to administer justice unless witnesses can be compelled to testify.

Concerning the alleged isolation of the United States, it should not be forgotten that Great Britain has long been pressing an alliance of the two great English-speaking nations. And Great Britain hates Gibraltar.

## TAX INJUSTICE.

In an eloquent peroration on the "Obligations of Wealth" ex-President Harrison arranged a wealthy citizens who evade tax burdens as men who strike a deadly blow at free government.

Paraphrasing Lincoln's remark that this country could not exist half slave and half free, he declared that this country could not exist half taxed and half free.

But, having arranged tax-dodging as an assault on free government, and, therefore, a crime, Mr. Harrison has no better remedy to offer than an appeal to the patriotism of those who are guilty of it.

This is not a promising remedy. It is not to be expected that men whom neither honesty nor patriotism restrains from lying about and concealing their possessions to cheat the State, will rush to the tax-gatherer to do penance at the call of a political evangelist.

When thieves repent and bring back their plunder tax-dodgers may be expected to render just accounts of their wealth.

If the ex-President had no remedy to offer for this great evil he might at least have insisted that the Government keep out of the crime of levying discriminating burdens. If wealth will not submit to just taxation the Government should

least refrain from laws which levy taxes on the poor for the benefit of the wealthy. Gen. Harrison ought to have smashed robber protection.

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The reason that the Post-Dispatch has led all competitors in news concerning the Maine disaster is because the Post-Dispatch has its own special correspondents at all important news points. At Havana is Mr. Sylvester Scovel; at Madrid is Mr. Arthur E. Houghton; at Washington is Mr. Stephen Bonsal; at New York is Mr. Morton Watkins. All of these correspondents are able, experienced, tried men. Their reports have led all reports in freshness of material, accuracy and readability. The Post-Dispatch does not have to go into the market and buy news or take it second hand. It gets it from its own special correspondents at the sources of news.

## NOT FOR PUBLIC WELFARE.

We credit Mayor Ziegenhain with too much good sense to be deceived by alleged evidence of a popular demand for the approval of the North and South railway bill. It is an easy matter to manufacture evidence of a popular demand. The people are seldom represented in the specific influences brought to bear on public officers in matters of this kind. Special interests are fully represented.

The people must depend for protection on the honesty and good judgment of their officers. The question for Mayor Ziegenhain to determine is, does this measure stand the test of honesty and good judgment? Is it for the benefit of the people or for the benefit of private individuals?

There can be but one answer to the question. It is a franchise grab passed in defiance of law and at the sacrifice of public interests. It grants franchise privileges of enormous value for inadequate compensation and under conditions which do not protect the public interests.

Approval of this bill cannot be prompted by regard for the public welfare.

The alleged difficulties of the President in the Cuban matter are not clear. He has had only to carry out the platform upon which he was elected. It is mere assumption to say that a recognition of Cuban belligerency would bring on a war. The United States did not go to war with any country that recognized the Southern Confederacy.

Negro postmasters may be objectionable. They are not appointed in the North, where the most intelligent negroes live. South Carolina communities, however, are not justified in resorting to murder to be rid of negro postmasters.

The President is now refusing pardons to bank embezzlers. His long list of such pardons having drawn the fire of the press, the embezzlers unfortunate enough not to have applied early will have to serve out their terms.

The notorious Allen of the Illinois Legislature's Allen bill has the nerve to ask for re-election. If Illinois is to return such offenders to Springfield we will never see an end to disgraceful legislation there.

Why has Senator Hanna refused to testify before the Bribery Investigating Committee? Does he apprehend that he might speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

Public plundering under the pretense of party loyalty is as disastrous to a community as it is when it is done in any other way. St. Louis wants honest government before any party.

The spoils system is the acknowledged system of the municipal administration. The people of St. Louis are asked to put \$20,000,000 into the hands of avowed spoilers.

Just as Mark Hanna expressed his firm belief in the accident theory the accident theory is blown up. It is a good rule for a Deputy President to say nothing.

As Mr. Hanna says there is to be no war there should be none. The author of the present Administration ought to know just what it means to do.

The people of St. Louis cannot afford to pay the "able workers" of any party for party work, and they will be extremely foolish to do so.

The 6 per cent February increase at the St. Louis Postoffice over February of last year is a pleasing evidence of improving conditions.

Nine attempts at suicide in St. Louis in 48 hours is a horrible record. Are we falling into line with New York and Chicago?

The French Government will imprison Zola, but it cannot succeed in suppressing the truth or covering its own disgrace.

The explosion of Mr. McKinley's accident theory is reverberating with even more force than did it in Havana harbor.

American families are leaving Havana to keep from being butchered. So much for McKinley's "diplomacy."

All kinds of yellowness in journalism are bad, but the worst kind is the yellowness that comes from decay.

There has been a great mixing of red tape with crepe in the Havana tragedy.

Bob Lincoln's idea of Spanish responsibility is very acceptable to Spain.

Spain is angry. Cuba is hungry and Uncle Sam is waiting for news.

## POST-DISPATCH SNAP SHOTS.

There was a great fuss over Zola's trial, and it wasn't a Dreyfus, either.

The Gettysburg Gun regiment of poets should, perhaps, be made artillerymen.

Perhaps Billy Mason would like to be looked upon as the Patrick Henry of 1897.

In case of war the rush for civil offices will be succeeded by a rush for commissions.

The appetite for Florida strawberries will be developed with warmer days and lower prices.

The new battleship George Washington will be well named for victory, but a defeat connected with that name would be crushing.

The Methodists are to make a three weeks' campaign against sin in Chicago, when three centuries are necessary for such an undertaking.

If there should be war it is to be hoped the Spaniards may be kept out of Washington. We don't want to see them shooting holes in Mr. Dingley's London hat.

Having become converts, the students of Monmouth College now omit their class wars, rushes and other barbarous demonstrations. Only the Lord himself can tame the college student.

The return of \$900 of stolen money through the confessional, as related in a Jefferson City Dispatch, will give to some mounded men a higher opinion of the value of religion than perhaps they have hitherto entertained.

In deference to the new woman, the Government will doubtless build a woman-of-war and enlist a few hundred sturdy women for the sea service. A battleship well womaned might achieve as much as one well manned.

It appears that a white woman in Montana not only married a full-blood Indian, but is supporting him by hard work. While many white husbands are supported by hard-working white women, it would be more pleasing to see our lazy Lo dependent upon a woman of his own color.

If Gideon Welles' spook prophesied on a St. Louis outfit board the destruction of the Maine, Mr. Long should lose no time in making a requisition for outfit boards for the use of the navy.

Between the vigilance of dead navy secretaries and the activity of living ones we may be able to hold our own on the seas.

These lines are not from Gettysburg. They are the hard work of an esteemed contemporary.

Now, let's take things calm and cool.

And wait, without a fuss.

For what the Board of Inquiry may have to tell to us.

## NEWSY GLIMPSES OF EUROPE.

Gold can positively be traced in Scottish history and it is believed to have been played much earlier than that date.

Gymnastics as part of the training of the British soldier were unknown until 18 years ago, although the soldiers of other armies had long gone in for it.

Sir Henry Irving presided at the Lyceum at the annual meeting of the Actors' Benevolent Fund, at which a report was presented showing that the revenue for the year had been \$385,125, 11d., and the possibilities in gifts \$255,125, 11d.

A suggestion has been put forward to raise the ill-fated battleship Victoria, which sank in the Mediterranean with nearly all hands, by means of, among other things, heavy electro-magnets. The successful raising of the vessel would cost nearly \$20,000.

## OUR LIVING PICTURES.



DR. BENJAMIN MORGAN PALMER.

This is the picture of the famous Presbyterian preacher of the South. The whole city of New Orleans was interested in his recent celebration of his 80th birthday.

## PIG PENS.

Greene: There goes a man who has made a fortune by his men pigs. He doesn't look like a literary genius. Greene: He isn't. He's a pork packer from Chicago.

## SMALL.

First Moth: How is your husband to-day? Second Moth: Not very well. His appetite is so poor! Only think, to-day for dinner he ate only one fashionable bathing-suit. By the way, he only picks at things.—New York Press.

## A SUBSTITUTE.

Judge: You are charged with beating a horse—what have you to say for yourself? Prisoner (sobbing): Whar, Yer Honor, I've just lost my wife, Yer Honor.

## HIS PORTE.

Although an artist of renown, drawing pictures full of rallery, He best was known to all the town By the case with which he drew his salary. J. GETTCHER GUNN, Post-Dispatch Post.

## WERE PROMINENT IN LIFE.

Notable Men and Women Whose Careers Are Closed by Death.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Capt. Carl Habich, former commodore of the Hamburg-American line, died at his home in New York City, Feb. 23, aged 82 years. Capt. Habich entered the service of the Hamburg-American line in 1858, as fourth officer on the steamer Teutonic, on which he served several years, until appointed chief officer of the sailing vessel Donau. While holding this position he was entrusted with the temporary command of this vessel, during a prolonged illness of her captain, and subsequently was appointed commander of the Germania. He commanded successfully the steamers Bavaria, Saxonia, Cimbria, Silesia, Wieland, Columbia and Normannia. He was appointed commodore of the Hamburg-American fleet in 1889.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Eduard Saportas, who was lost on the steamer Clara Nevada, which was destroyed off the coast of Alaska, came of an excellent New York family, and at one time was one of the best-known men in this city. He finished his education in Europe, and was proficient in several languages. He was among the first to realize the great possibilities in electricity for illuminating purposes, and made a fortune out of the electric enterprise. He was a great friend of Thomas A. Edison. With the aid of his former partner, Mr. Fuskas, Saportas succeeded in getting a concession from the Russian Government for a scheme to build a power station in Moscow at the time of the coronation of Alexander as Czar.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Feb. 24.—Asa B. Howe, one of the pioneer circus proprietors of this country, died suddenly at his home in this city early this morning, of heart disease.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Feb. 24.—News has been received of the death on Saturday, at Beirut, Syria, of Mrs. Emily R. Montgomery, the widow of the late Mr. R. Montgomery, who was killed by a Turkish bullet three years ago, and had been one of the most devoted and efficient missionaries in that country.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—Simon Lazard, founder of the banking firm of Lazard-Freres, is dead.

## ONE DOLLAR DAMAGES.

Ex-Pastor of Grace Church Gets a Verdict of a \$50,000 Libel Suit.

Rev. H. J. Mutholland, former pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, was awarded \$1 damages by a jury in Judge Hitzel's court in the St. Louis County Circuit, sitting at Clayton yesterday, in his libel suit against George Knapp & Co., in which he asked for \$50,000.

The alleged damaging publication was made in the Republic March 11, 1896. It purported to be a report of the proceedings in the church on March 3, at which time it was said Dr. Mutholland scored certain members of the church for criticizing his financial management of church funds. The jury was out 40 hours.

## Given Chairs at Cornell.

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 24.—The Board of Trustees of Cornell University has elected Charles De Garmo, president of Swarthmore College, Pa., to the Professorship of the University of Minnesota, Assistant Professor of the University of Minnesota, and the resignation last fall of Prof. S. G. Williams and Prof. Herbert Wade Hubbard of the University of Minnesota.

Now, let's take things calm and cool. And wait, without a fuss. For what the Board of Inquiry may have to tell to us.

## A DAILY MAGAZINE

## AUNTIE TO THE RESCUE.

George was out of work; the ladies were empty and a carriage had driven up out of which got one of my well friends and announced that she had come to lunch.

I could have cried and laughed at the same time, but I told her (for which I hope God'll forgive me) that I was glad she had come.

Lunch time came at a gallop and my guest began to get restive. I could hear George pacing the floor in the rear part of the house, and I had just about made up my mind to come out with the truth when the car stopped in front of our little flat and George's cranky servant Miranda got out, loaded with baskets and bundles.

I could have screamed when I saw her and I was trying to give her a cordial greeting when she brushed past me without a word and went straight into the dining room and began to unpack her bundles.

"I just thought as how George wasn't working you might like a few little things to sort of help out, so I brought you all I could carry. I never did think you was much of a wife for George, but since you have been so kind of brave in your bad luck, I guess you'd do."

I looked at the cakes, jellies, cheese, home-made bread and numerous other things, then I caught her around the waist and executed a dance that made her feel she might have wondered at.

"What does all you, child?" she panted, all out of breath.

"Well Aunt Miranda, I never thought you were a good aunt for George, but I guess you'd do." And as the old lady looked in the larder, then peeped into the parlor, she smiled grimly.

## WHERE HE SAW THEM.



She: Snakes are such sad, melancholy creatures. He: O, I don't know; every time I see them they are in the best of spirits.

## BIRTH OF BY-WORDS.

Your use of the expression, "beastly drunk," brings you right in touch with the ancients; your description is classic. The ancients believed that men who had over-indulged in strong drink displayed the worst qualities of the beasts, and seven kinds of drunkards were so named:

1. The ape drunk—who is lively and musical.
2. The lion drunk—who is looking for fight.
3. The swine drunk—who is stupid and wants above all things to sleep.
4. The sheep drunk—who is silent, but filled with importance.
5. The martin drunk—who drinks himself sober again.
6. The goat drunk—who is wanton and repulsive.
7. The fox drunk—who is crafty and scheming.

You no doubt recognize this classification of jags as rather good.

## SHE'S FULL OF COLOR.



She: The summer girl will be getting ripe in a few months. He: I never knew of one that was green.

## WILLIE LIKED THE CURE.

"Wait a minute, Mrs. Murphy, until I tell you about my little boy, Willie. He sat there in the chair and him red and white all over with the measles. "Go to bed," says I, "sure, you're lendin' a hand to your own death." "Then I went to the neighbors and asked what was good for the measles, and they told me whisky. So I mixed up a punch for the little lad, though I was afeared anything like that 'ud be leaving the taste in his mouth after. And when I brings it in, he says: "What's that, mother? "It's lemonade," says I. "What makes it so brown?" says he. "That's the color it do be havin' when the lemon has been standin' in it a little while," says I. "God forgive me for me sins. "Well," says he, "takin' a taste and thin a big swallow, if that's lemonade," says he, "I'll take a hose and connect me with a barrel of it," says he, the darlin'." MICKKEY FINN.

## FOUR FAT COOKS.

(A Carrollesque Verse From an Old Magazine.)  
O, a hopeful sight is four fat cooks in the line. All full of tart, like you read in books. Now three thin cooks always make me tired. Cause they won't give you jumbles unless they're hired. I could rhyme like this for years if some one would bring my meals in. Kindly unlap my folding ears and see if my head has wheels in.

## CUBA'S LONG STRUGGLE FOR HER FREEDOM.

Horatio S. Rubens, Counsel to the Cuban Delegation, Tells the Results to Date of War for Independence.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

To-day is the third anniversary of the Cubans' struggle for independence.

In these three years we have won nine campaigns and lost none; have won all large and important battles, but have lost many of the minor.

We have lost in battle nine generals—Martí, Crombet, Jose Maceo, Antonio Maceo, Bover, Arango, Chastell, and Quera. Our loss of men has been very slight, while the Spanish official figures for the first two years of the war gave their loss as 65,000 by bullets and disease.

About one-third of our entire loss was in the prisoners taken by the Spaniards.

We have captured between five and six thousand prisoners, nearly all of whom have been released after we had secured their arms and ammunition.

The Spaniards have destroyed everything they could; the Cubans have destroyed nothing but that which could be utilized by their enemies. Every one in the patriot army is a volunteer, and our expenses are comparatively slight, while Spain is spending \$12,000,000 a month.

Spain has lost but one of her generals, Gen. Santocildes, who was killed by Maceo at the battle of Bayamo. The Spanish generals direct the movement of their armies from the rear, while the Cuban general always is foremost in the fight.

This is the record for three years; there will be no record for the fourth year. A few months from now the Cuban struggle will have ceased. The war is nearly over.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.

COUNSEL TO THE CUBAN DELEGATION.

VIENNA, Feb. 24.—Within a few weeks of the date on which, according to official announcement, the Czarina is about once again to become a mother, she has been stricken with smallpox and the most strenuous efforts have been made to stave off the cause of her seclusion.

The announcement is not altogether unexpected. About a fortnight ago Count Sheremetev, the Muscovite Minister of Foreign Affairs, gave a magnificent concert at the Imperial Palace in St. Petersburg, and the other members of the imperial family who happened to be in St. Petersburg being present, the Czarina, who is feeling ill on the night of the entertainment, was forced to take to her bed.

On the following day, forty-eight hours later the physicians finally diagnosed the disease as smallpox, and the Czarina, who has been in the hospital since then, is now in a precarious condition. It is believed that the Czarina is now in a precarious condition, and that she will not survive the disease.

It is the first occasion in modern times that the sovereign of one of the great powers has been laid low by so fell a malady. There is a very strong possibility of the Czarina's death, which would be a great loss to the Russian Empire.

Mathilda of Saxony, niece of the King and daughter of the late Emperor, whose features are pitted with scars of this disease, is believed to be the one who has been laid low by the disease.

What renders the matter so particularly serious in the case of the young Empress is the danger of the malady being transmitted to the Czar, who is now in a precarious condition, and who is believed to be the one who has been laid low by the disease.

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education, special stress be laid upon training in agriculture. We earnestly urge all to buy land, if only in small tracts, while it can be secured at a low price.

We would especially call attention to the large amount of Government land in the South, open to settlement. We deem it of vital importance that the educated young men and women bear in mind the elevated needs in the race to give to the most unfortunate the benefit of their education in every way possible. We urge that local negro conferences or other organizations with the same object be formed throughout the South. We believe the holding of annual county fairs would prove most helpful. We strongly beseech our people not to be satisfied with their present condition, but to reach forward to something higher and better.

The conference of educators will be held to-morrow.

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## Dress Goods Bargains

FRIDAY that no economical lady who desires to dress well will miss—new and lovely patterns that you'll be glad to see, and the modest prices for which'll make you gladder still.

- Granite Plaids**—Double width Scotch Plaids, in new and bright colorings—Friday Price, per yard **12½c**
- Novelty Suiting**—38-inch two-toned Novelty Dressing, in new and bright colorings—Friday Price, per yard **25c**
- Satin Berber**—38-inch Black Satin Berber, a very rich and beautiful cloth, worth at least twice our Friday Price **29c**
- French Serge**—46-inch All-Wool French Serge, in every popular shade of the regular 80c fabric—Friday Price **45c**
- Mohair Novelty**—40-inch Mohair and Worsted Novelty Suiting—sweat effects in black and red—brown and green—blue and red—brown and black—regular price is 75c—Friday, per yard **49c**

## Silk Selling's Easy At the Grand-Leader Prices.

No wonder this big department is always crowded! Just look at Friday's counter-crowding prices:

- Black**—Jap. Silk—22 inches wide—regular 45c—qual-ity—Friday **25c**
- Choice**—21-inch All-Silk Black Bayadere—Black Bayadere—Gros grain—21-inch Black Brocade—Gros Grain Silk—21-inch Black Brocade—All-Silk Satin—Duchesse, worth up to 80c—yrd—Friday **59c**
- Big Lot**—Jap. Pongee and China Silks—22, 27 and 24 inches wide—in magnificent range of colors, and positively worth up to 25c a yard—suitable for full (complete) dresses—per yard Friday **29c**
- Louisienne**—Silk—21-inch Black Ground Satin—stripes—in a wide range of colors—sweat effects in black and red—brown and green—blue and red—brown and black—regular price is 75c—Friday, per yard **69c**

## Petticoats.

Friday's big specials include 25 dozen Black Satin Petticoats—umbrella style, stiffened, 10 rows of cording, regular \$1.50 quality—Friday **97c**

**Roman**—Roman Petticoats—deep bound, umbrella style, stiffened, looks like Roman—strips silk, also Black—Roman skirts, umbrella style, corded and ruffled—well worth \$2.50—each, Friday **\$1.69**

**Silk Skirts**—Changé—21-inch Silk Skirts—all the new Spring Shades—worth regular \$1.75—Friday Special **\$4.25**

## White Underskirts.

Slightly soiled, umbrella style, dust, dust, dust—hand-embroidered, lace ruffles, worth regular \$1.00 and \$1.25—each, Friday **75c**

## Corset Bargains.

**Ladies'**—Newest Empire Corsets, in white and drab, all sizes, silk laced, symmetrical—beautifully shaped—choice, while they last, Friday and Saturday **59c**

**W. B. Corset**, the regular \$1.50 quality—will close out Friday these fine silk Embroidered Satin, in sizes from 24 to 36—white, drab, black—for **75c**

## Men's Shirts.

Good, honest, staple goods, and real novelties at close prices are fast increasing the business in our well equipped Men's Furnishing Department.

For Friday and Saturday—big lot (just in) of Men's Good Soft Laundered Neckties, white neck bands, made of extra quality Madras Cloth and other good shirtings—scores of styles—Gale Price and these shirts fit well—see window display—for an opening flyer **50c**

## VERY NOVEL AFFAIR.

THAT IS WHAT THE POST-DISPATCH SLOW RACE PROMISES TO BE.

## JAY EATON AND MCCARTHY.

The Flying Cyclists Are Riding at Their Best and Will Crack Records on Saturday Night.

All of the professional racing cyclists who will ride here Saturday night have heartily indorsed the Post-Dispatch slow race and have signified their intention of entering. Many of the speedy men practice as hard for the novel affair as they do for the sprint races.

McCarthy and Eaton are both riding at their very best. Yesterday Eaton worked both morning and afternoon. He considers McCarthy the best man that he has been matched with this season and is doing everything in his power to ride faster than ever before on the night of the races. McCarthy is without doubt the most popular racing man St. Louis has ever had. Every one is pulling for him, with the possible exception of a few of Eaton's followers, and if he wins on Saturday night he will receive an ovation fit for a king.

Frank Frazz, Jay Eaton and Walter Simkin went out together behind a tandem. Yesterday the trio rode three miles at a 2:15 gait. Eaton sprinting the final lap in 10:55, at the outside of the track. Had he been on the pole his time would undoubtedly have been two-fifths of a second faster.

Bert Repine is working well now—days. Repine has a good position on his machine, and seems to be sprinting without much exertion. Repine, who won the consolation race at the last indoor meeting, was the man who won second money in the Eaton-Walsh-Newhouse-Coburn match, make a fast tandem team. They can ride a half mile at any time under the one-minute mark. Monday they rode a half in 57 seconds.

Jake Waldner intends to break his hoodoo Saturday night and win something besides a third. Waldner has won three third places at the three indoor meetings. He has met had a great chance to win a first, but he has been unlucky. He has played out before sprinting time. Jake intends not to let a bit of the pace in the amateur event Saturday night. If he keeps his promise and stays behind until it is time to make for the tape, he should win.

Newhouse and his townsman, Welton, worked out with Gladman in a five-mile race about a 2:35 clip. Newhouse has recovered from the jaundice and will show up well on the 24th.

There will be many good riders in the mile open professional at the next meet. Newhouse, Walworth, Will and Jack Coburn, Repine, Frazz, Eaton, McCarthy, Rader and other fast men, will go after the 25th.

Letter From Brittenstein.

Theodore Brittenstein, the Browns' old manager, says with Gladman in a letter from Hot Springs says: "Fritz Beck and myself are hard at work every day,

taking long runs and getting in good shape. I am likely to return here in a few days. I met the team in New Orleans last spring. I am feeling like a 2-year-old, and only hope I can stay that way. If the weather gets a little warmer we will start to playing ball this week and try to get the kinks out of our 'whites.' The weather has been fine ever since I came here, excepting a few days, but you have got to expect that at this time of the year. Fritz, Beckley and myself will leave here about the 31st of March for the South. I hope we will have a good season and get to that first or second mark. Fritz wishes to be remembered to you, and said that by the time he gets through with his baths he will be able to turn a somersault in a gas pipe."

## A Very Ugly Decision.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 24.—Martin McGuire of San Francisco fought an eight-round fight with Alvin Karpis of Chicago at the end of the seventh round Karpis was practically whipped. The referee, John J. McArthur, declared the fight a draw, a decision which was very unpopular. McGuire was obliged to stay in the ring guarded by the police until the gymnasium was partly cleared, so great was the feeling against him over the decision. McGuire was a 2 to 1 favorite before the fight.

## Wednesday's Track Winners.

At New Orleans—Cherry Leaf, The Editor, Joe Shelby, Dave S., Fred Barr, Ronnie.

At San Francisco—Royal Pan, Caliente, Ed Gartland, Lord Chesterfield, Formosa, Fashion Plate.

## Sporting Notes.

Monday the National League meets in St. Louis.

Green and Ryan meet at Frisco to-morrow night.

The St. Louis Browns are signing contracts fast, and all the players will soon be in line.

The Western League held its scheduled meeting at Kansas City yesterday. Its season will open April 20.

Denbely is coming to St. Louis, and there is no truth in that report that he was going to manage a club in New England.

Tom Burns, the new manager of the Chicago Cubs, has reported to President Hart, and will accompany the latter to St. Louis.

The Kofkeles will give their annual ball at Anchor Lodge Hall, Jefferson and Park avenues, on the night of March 17, St. Patrick's Day.

The Haley's line-up is: Ghal, Van; full-backs, J. Davis, E. Keller, half-backs, Gallacher, J. Keller, Kelly, forward, C. P. Kelly, Peltin, J. Fawcett, Hamilton and Carroll.

The professionals at Hot Springs played a game yesterday. On one side the Hot Springs club and on the other the local leaguers. The latter won by a score of 12 to 7. The League was captained by Fritz Beckley, and the local club by Eugene McArthur.

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## SHOES!

Good and Stylish Shoes at Prices heretofore unknown tell the story of the phenomenal success of our Fast-Growing shoe Department. The Bargains for Friday and Saturday are RECORD BREAKERS. Here they are:

**Ladies'**—Vici Kid, Need-Toes, Hand-Turn Button Shoes—all sizes and non-skid sole—worth \$4.00—Ladies' Ox-blood, Needle Toe—Lace Shoes, Hand-sewed, well made, sizes up to 10 and 11—worth \$4.50—Ladies' Vici Kid Button and Lace shoes—patent sole, of stock tips—all sizes and cheap at \$2.50; Ladies' Box Oiler, Stock Tip, Rubber Toe—Lace Shoes, all sizes, and positively worth \$2.50—choice of all any are left, Saturday is the price of choice—Friday **\$1.38**

**Boys'**—Satin Calf, Heel or Spring Heel—Lace Shoes—all sizes up to 12—good, comfortable, handsome, regular \$1.50—Friday and Saturday **95c**

**Child's**—Dongola Kid, Hand-Turn Button Shoes—all sizes and non-skid sole—worth \$1.00—Children's Dongola Spring Heel Button Shoes—all sizes and non-skid sole—worth \$1.00—Friday **48c**

**Men's**—and Women's Bath, House, or Handy, restful quality—this sale **19c**

**35c Handkerchiefs**—Friday for **15c**

**200 Dozen**—No more nor less—Ladies' Kerchiefs—slightly imperfect—hemstitched, lace edge, embroidered and scalloped—positively worth \$1.00—Friday **15c**

**500 Dozen**—Ladies' and Men's—stitched Handkerchiefs—slightly old stained—cheap at 10c—Friday **4c**

**Dress Goods Remnants**—In Basement—Never such prices and values as here Friday.

**90c Novelty Dress Goods**—Friday for **25c**

**40c Stylish Dress Goods**—Friday for **19c**

**30c All-Wool Dress Goods**—Friday for **15c**

**15c Stylish Dress Goods**—Friday for **8c**

**10c Plain Dress Goods**—Friday for **5c**

**Lining Bargains!**

**24-inch Black, Brown and Gray**—Bristle Lining—also 24-inch elastic Bristle Lining in light shades—regular 10c—Friday **4c**

**36-inch Roman Stripe Rustle Lining**—Friday **8c**

**36-inch Extra Fine French Percale**—Friday **8c**

**36-inch Black and Gray Rustle Lining**—Friday **8c**

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BROADWAY AND WASHINGTON, ST. LOUIS.

## STANDING ROOM ONLY

SHOULD BE THE RULE IN OUR BARGAIN-GIVING BOYS' Clothing Department Friday.

Mark Our Words:

Amidst all the babble 'bout clothing bargains you'll find the best values for Boys' and Young Men's Stylish and dependable clothing at the Grand-Leader. Compare and decide yourself—intelligent comparison will tell. The genuine bargains printed below are for Friday and up till 7 o'clock Saturday Evening:

**Pants**—Liberal assortment broken lots of Boys' (up to 16 years) All-Wool Trousers—in a stylish and handsome line of new patterns—regular 75c and 1.00—Friday **39c**

**Boys'**—8 to 16 years—short pant, double breasted—broken lines—choice Friday **\$2.85**

**Very Pretty** and Dressy Vestee and Middy Suits—lines—all wool and stylish—trimmed \$4.00 Short Pant Suits—choice Friday **\$2.95**

**Young Men**—up to 20 years and for boys down to 12 years—Long Pant Suits, in broken lines—fashionable all-wool—choice Friday **\$5.95**

**Chiffon**—30 pieces Embroidered Chiffons, in all the newest designs and concepts—black, white and colors—especially suitable for waists and trimmings—worth \$3.00 regular; here Friday **98c**

**100 Pieces**—all colors—specialty appropriate for shirt waists—worth \$2.00—Friday **69c**

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## ROBBERS' HUNT. A REELECT.

Tom Furlong's Encounter  
With Footpads.

TWO CLOSED IN ON HIM.

ONE TUGGED AT A DIAMOND STUD  
AND NEARLY SECURED  
THE STONE.

MET VIGOROUS RESISTANCE.

Man Who Is Talked Of for Police Chief  
Used His Fists to Such Ad-  
vantage That His As-  
sailants Fled.

Two determined highwaymen, who didn't know a detective when they saw one, undertook to rob Detective Thomas Furlong at midnight Wednesday near the corner of Jefferson avenue and Walnut street and but for the desperate resistance offered they would have secured abundant booty in the shape of diamonds that glittered in the officer's shirt-front.

"Tom" Furlong has been a detective for 30 years and is even now being discussed for the office of chief of police. He is a short, squarely built, stout man, with an arm like an oak tree and a fist like a sledge-hammer. He would be a bad man to encounter on any occasion where there was necessity for a fight.

The detective was doing the society act Wednesday night and was caught without his gun, an omission which required quick work in the first cuff line when the highwaymen held him up. He had passed the evening at the Union Club, and was within one block of his home.

"I and on my dress suit," said Mr. Furlong, after he blushing admitted the story of his encounter with footpads, "I never entered my head that anybody would undertake to hold me up. I thought I was too well known for that."

"Just before turning the corner of Jefferson avenue into Walnut street, where I live, I thought I would light a cigar and smoke before retiring. I smoke cigars, that is usually half way and then I throw it back to reach for a stogie. Two men were coming down the street, and I thought they paid no attention to them, but suddenly struck a match and put my head down to connect the match with the light of my diamond studs.

"There was a brisk wind blowing and I tried to shield the match behind the lapel of my overcoat. This put me in a bad position, for my hands were occupied and my face half turned toward the men. I centered on lighting the stogie, while the flare of the match reflected to my exposed shirt front and showed the glitter of my diamond studs.

"No highwayman I need to ask for a better opening than I presented and the last thing I could have thought of was danger. While I stood there, looking at the stogie, the men grabbed my arm and collar, while the other made an effort for my studs.

"I was unarmed. I threw my left elbow into the throat of the robber on my left, grabbed the man on my right by the collar and swinging myself half-way around, gave him a smash in the face. I caught him on the jaw and he fell back. The other fellow held him up and gave him another hot one. The first robber fled at the first onslaught. The second robber wriggled out of my grasp and ran like a startled deer. "Did I run after him?" he asked. "No, I am not a sprinter and had nothing to shoot with. Besides, I was glad enough to get away."

"When I took stock of my effects I found my upper diamond stud had been pulled out of the entire stretched length of the stud and it hung to my shirt by a catch in the last twist. The other was untouched."

"Incidentally, I would not have been asked whether he had aspirations to succeed Harry as chief of police."

"None whatever," he answered, vigorously. "The whole round of gossip about it is ridiculous. I would not have been asked if I wanted it. The place doesn't pay enough."

"Besides, the Democratic party doesn't owe me anything. I can't get a vote for Lincoln and the Republicans don't need me either. It is unfair to the Board of Police Commissioners and to the people to connect my name with the chieftaincy when such a contingency has not occurred to either of us. The board will and should appoint a chief from the list of those who have worked for the city and who are known from such men as Campbell, Young and Kiehl. Under no circumstances would I accept the office."

**HOG STOPS TRAFFIC.**  
Porker Gets Under a Suburban Car and Refuses to Budge.

It's tough luck to be saved from instant death by a street car fender and rolled from the path of the grinding wheels by a life-guard only to be put aboard a train and shipped to a slaughter-house, isn't it?

Two fat hogs had this experience on the Suburban road Thursday morning. These hogs, it must be understood, were not of the breed ordinarily found as passengers, who occupy more room than they are worth, but were the real four-footed article and part of a drove which was en route to East St. Louis to be sent to Chicago, where Mr. Armour and Mr. Swift will soon have them in shape for eating.

As the hogs were being driven down Lucas avenue a Kirkwood car of the Suburban line turned in from Fourteenth street and before the drovers could prod the brutes out of the way the car had run up and picked up the two porkers on the fender. Another hog, which got rattled and lost its head in the excitement, dived under the car and was struck by the life-guard on the rear trucks. He was rolled over like a football, squealing louder than if he had been caught under a gate. The car was stopped and the hog instead of running out, planted himself firmly and refused to move. The motorman, being a tender, stout creature, wouldn't start the car and commit a blood-stained murder, but waited for the stockmen to chase the hog from the tracks.

Long poles and loud shouts had no effect upon the hog. The hog was not in the least frightened at the peculiar display. The drover had entered and the drovers were riding the stockmen to keep the procession orderly. The hogs were finally backed away from the tracks and the drovers, between the hogs and the car, were called to hustle the porcine animal and snapped viciously while the stockmen shouted. Then the hog walked out slowly and after looking at the strange thing, which must have struck him as a strange sight, he trotted slowly down the street to join his fellows. The motorman started the car and the standing occupants were thrown off their feet.

**SEALED HIDE.**

Jones-Brown: Is Genevieve up to date? Brown-Jones: No, she is advertising for sealed proposals.

Jones-Brown: Sealed bids?

Brown-Jones: Yes; every proposal must be accompanied by a sealink snouke.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is the best of all remedies for children teething, etc.

## WASH GOODS. LOOK OUT FOR THE MAIN CHANCE.

Look Out for the Main Chance Here To-Morrow in Avenue B.



**The Main Chance**

In the Eastern Boulevard.

Remnants of English

Flannellettes—

12c goods.

Choice Friday only—

Lebanon Shaker Flannel—extra wide,

worth 12c a yard. Friday only—

Unshrinkable White Flannel—

worth 20c a yard. Friday—

**A Sale of Silks**

That Will Crowd Out Late Comers, Sure.

All shades of Fancy Silks for Waists—

250 DIFFERENT PICES. Prices

cut in half for Friday—

**59c to 98c a Yd**

4 to 13-yard lengths in Black Brocade Silks,

Satin, Plain Gros Grains, Plain Satins,

Plain Gros Grains, Plain Satins—

that cost from 9c to 1.75 a yard to manufac-

turers, go at

**59c to \$1.00 a Yd**

**D. CRAWFORD & CO.**

"The Big Store of Little Prices."

## FOR THE MAIN CHANCE, AND THE MAIN CHANCE IS TO SAVE YOUR MONEY IN BUYING AT

NOTE A FEW OF THE MYRIADS OF OTHER CROWD-BRINGERS FOR TO-MORROW:

**FRIDAY**

**Trimming Bargains.**

All Wool Mohair Black Braids—1/2 to 1 inch widths—

To-morrow—very special—

**24 Yards for 6c**

Black Silk Yokes..... 50c to \$3.75 Each

Black Silk Dresses..... \$1.25 to \$6.50 Each

New Line of Black Silk and Mohair Passementary

15c to \$3.50 a Yard

Black Silk and Mohair Fourragers,

75c to \$5.00 a Set

Very swell.

**Main Chances in**

**Ladies' Waists and Suits**

Odd and Ends (large sizes) Ladies' Dress Waists and

Suits, all lined, detachable collars

and cuffs, all new, for Friday only—

choice Friday, your choice

**49c**

Ladies' Velvet Dress Waists—Fine Cloths and Cash-

meres also—large sizes only—

worth up to \$5 each—Choice

Friday to close—

**98c**

Ladies' Serge, Mixed Cheviot and Ladies' Cloth Fly

Front Kion and Blazer suits that

sold from \$6.00 to \$12.00—

To close to-morrow

**\$1.98**

Boys' Flannellette Blouse Waists—for ages 8 to

14 years—worth up to 90c—

To close Friday

**10c**

## Friday Linen Bargains.

Eleven Enticing "Main Chances" to make

Nickels do Dimes' Duties.

Bleached Twilled Towel-

ing—worth 25c a yard—

Friday only—

**25c**

10-inch Cheviot—worth

30c a yard—

Friday only—

**30c**

Hemmed Linen Huck

Towels—worth

50c each—

Friday only—

**50c**

German Damask Towels,

colored borders,

regular 100c

kind—Friday only—

**80c**

22x40 Linen Hem-

med Huck Towels,

fine borders,

worth 25c a

yard—Friday

**15c**

Turkey Red 58-inch Table

Linen—fast color,

worth 40c a

yard—Friday

**19c**

65-inch Twilled German Table Damask,

worth 40c a

yard—Friday

**42c**

Unbleached German Linen Napkins, worth

40c a dozen—Friday

**40c**

150 Large Size Honey Comb Bed Spreads,

worth 50c, for

Friday only—

**47c**

Large Size Bed Spreads

worth 50c, for

Friday only—

**55c**

Crawford's Celebrated Old-Fashioned

Molasses Taffy—the best made

**FRIDAY ONLY 10c A POUND.**

Worth 25c.

## SPECIAL SALE OF

**BABY CARRIAGES**

On the Third Floor—the very best makes—a sample

lot—beautifully upholstered—at Lowest Prices

ever made

28 fine Rattan Carriages,

unholstered in

fine upholstery, sat-

in parol, nicely

flushed—

worth \$8.50

To-morrow—

**\$9.98**

28 fine Rattan Carriages,

well made, nicely

upholstered, ruffs

asol—

worth \$8.50

To-morrow—

**\$3.25**

60 full size House and Yard Carriages—

worth \$1.75

To-morrow for—

**\$1.19**

**White Goods Selling**

Without a Price Precedent for To-Morrow

Sheer India Linen—worth 50c a yard.

Friday, only—

**4c**

40-inch India Linen—worth 50c a yard.

Friday, only—

**5c**

40-inch Bishop Laces—beautiful sheer

laces, worth 10c a

yard—Friday, only

**10c**

Satin Stripe Organdy Laces—worth 10c a

yard—Friday, only

**6c**

60-inch Fine French Organdy—for graduating

ladies, worth 10c a

yard—Friday, only

**19c**

For Friday only—

**98c**

**Corset Bargain for Friday.**

"Prima Donna" Corsets—

with steel, all sizes—

regular \$2.25 value. Special for—

**98c**

## NEW HOUSE OF

**REFUGE PLANNED.**

Ordinance Will Be Introduced

by Mr. Gutke.

HE IS IN FAVOR OF A FARM.

WOULD SELL THE PRESENT SITE

AND WITH THE MONEY ERECT

A MODERN INSTITUTION.

WANTS IT SELF-SUSTAINING.

Good and Bad Children to Be Sepa-

rated and All Taught a Useful

Trade While They Are

Inmates.

At intervals for years protests have been

made against conditions at the House of

Refuge, Health Commissioner and other

Charity Commissioners and other officials

have called attention to the defects and

abuses existing.

It has been pointed out that the institution

was overcrowded, that the buildings were

not adapted to the purpose for which it

was used, that they were imperfectly ven-

tilated and in bad sanitary condition, that

the merely unfortunate children were not sepa-

rated from the vicious and that instead of

being a reformatory it was rather a school

of crime.

Deputy Charles A. Gutke of the Eleventh

ward repeats all of these complaints

and suggests a remedy. He has introduced

into the Board of Police Commissioners and

will introduce as soon as he can

get the removal of the House of Refuge

from the present location and the surround-

ing land, the purchase of a large farm

and the erection of adequate

buildings.

The plan contemplates the erection of

four separate buildings, one for the good

boys, one for the vicious boys, one for the

girls and one for the delinquents.

The new institution, he believes, can be

made practically self-supporting by sup-

plying all the other city children with

everything they need which is now pur-

chased for them, but were the real four-

footed article and part of a drove which

was en route to East St. Louis to be sent

to Chicago, where Mr. Armour and Mr. Swift

will soon have them in shape for eating.

As the hogs were being driven down Lu-

cas avenue a Kirkwood car of the Suburban

line turned in from Fourteenth street and

before the drovers could prod the brutes

out of the way the car had run up and

picked up the two porkers on the fender.

Another hog, which got rattled and lost its

head in the excitement, dived under the

car and was struck by the life-guard on the

## DEATH RATHER

THAN PRISON.

James McNamara Killed His

Sweetheart and Himself.

POLICE WERE HUNTING HIM.

COMMITTED SUICIDE AFTER CUT-

TING THE THROAT OF THE

WOMAN HE LOVED.

HAD BUT TWELVE CENTS LEFT.









## THE NEW AND BEAUTIFUL ARE HERE.

An array of the Newest Spring Productions on dress parade without peer or precedent. TO-MORROW we offer a host of intensely interesting bargains. The very newest and most fetching creations in Ladies' Spring Suits, Jackets, Waists and Skirts. They are the picked products of the world's best markets and the workmanship, fit and finish are of the highest character, and all this linked to the lowest prices ever known marks this as the most astounding event of the year.

### NEW SKIRTS.

A lot of all lined Fancy Mixture Skirts, also black, new spring patterns, perfect hanging, velvet bound, worth \$2.00, to start the season. 98c  
The new well skirt made of all new serge, in black and blue, made with ten rows of bayadere tucking, like cut, all lined and velvet bound, worth \$8.00, to start the season. \$3.98  
A limited quantity of Gros-Grain silk skirts, handsome new patterns, yards wide, lined with good quality percaleine, perfect hanging, to start the season. \$3.85

### TAILOR-MADE SUITS.

We offer you choice of a lot of new Fly Front Suits, or nobby Blouse Front suits, made of all-wool cloth, in mixtures and serges; the jackets are all silk lined; some plain and others braided; not a suit in the lot worth less than \$11.00; to start the season. \$7.50  
Here is a Great Bargain!  
A beautiful all-wool Serge suit, made in the fly front style, the entire suit, skirt and jacket lined throughout with silk. This suit is worth \$20.00; to start the season. \$13.50  
See our fine imported Silk-Lined Suits.

**SILK WAISTS.**  
New Plaid Silk shirt Waists; New Striped Silk Waists; New Styles in all colors; all latest styles on 1 pattern, worth \$6.00, to start the season. \$3.98

**SILK CAPES.**  
New shape Silk Capes—silk lined, lace trim, neatly braided, ruche collar, all latest styles, worth \$2.00, to start the season. \$2.98

**NEW SPRING JACKETS.**  
Very nobby fly front All-Wool Cloth Jackets, velvet collar—some lined with high colored satin—tailor stitched, lap seams, nobby short effects. To start the season. \$4.98

**Wrappers.**  
A choice selection of new Percale Wrappers, made with ruffle yokes and Watteau back—very wide skirt. New patterns. To start the season. 49c

**Wrappers.**  
Another big lot of Percale Wrappers—new, bright patterns—wide skirts—worth \$1.00, to start the season. 39c

PHENOMENAL VALUES FRIDAY.

## A WALL STREET DROP.

PRICES TUMBLED EARLY AND PANIC CONDITIONS WERE THREATENED.

BUT THERE WAS A RECOVERY.

After the Flurry of the Morning Prices Steadied and a Better Tone Prevailed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The market at apparently dropped out of the bottom at the opening and the depression was very acute, verging toward panic conditions. Burlington dropped 4½ points and the whole list showed running sales downwards. Declines were in the specialties, Manhattan losing 3½ and Metropolitan Street Railway 4½, but there were declines of over 2 points in a number of prominent railroad stocks, including Northern Pacific pfd., New Jersey Central, New York Central, Union Pacific pfd. and Rock Island. Nearly every prominent feature on the list opened at a decline of a point and the market tended heavily downwards after the opening.

Everybody wanted to sell stocks and apparently there were no buyers, or if there were they could not make themselves heard in the pandemonium of the floor. The excitement was not confined to any one section, but every corner on the floor had its knot of brokers waiting for the opening to make a rush to sell.

At the drop of the gavel each knot was a struggling tangle, and loose ends of arms were all that was visible above the mass. There was not as much noise as in the case where hoarseness is in order. The nervous strain was visible in the expressions on the brokers' faces, and the air of self-repression quickly gave way to uncontrolled excitement.

Offerings at the opening of every prominent stock were of several thousand shares and quotations were almost lost sight of. Running sales at the opening ranged over 2 points in a number of prominent railroad stocks, including Northern Pacific pfd., New Jersey Central, New York Central, Union Pacific pfd. and Rock Island. Nearly every prominent feature on the list opened at a decline of a point and the market tended heavily downwards after the opening.

The tendency continued downward very violently in the first 10 minutes, the average fall increasing to over three points. Metropolitan Street Railway dropped 12 points and Manhattan an extreme 9½.

The recovery in Rock Island was 4 points, Metropolitan Street Railway 7 and the general list from 1 to 1½. The general market was exceedingly feverish at the rise and before an hour prices were declining again. The amount of business showed an increase.

## "TIME TO BE RUNNING."

MR. ROE ACTED ON HIS APT REPLY WHEN HIGHWAYMEN ASKED THE TIME.

"EASY MARK," BUT A FAST ONE.

A Drummer Held Up in the Darkness of the Eads Bridge Arches Gives Footpads the Hot Foot.

W. A. Roe, a traveling salesman for the Rock Falls Manufacturing Co. of Sterling, Ill., was the victim of an attempted highway robbery in East St. Louis at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening.

Two men attacked him on Brooklyn avenue near the Eads bridge approach, but Mr. Roe turned on his heels and ran back a block to John Bear's saloon and foiled the robbers.

Mr. Roe's version of the affair is that he left St. Louis late in the evening by way of a bridge car for the Martell house in East St. Louis. Just before leaving Broadway on the East Side he passed two suspicious looking men and started eastward on Brooklyn avenue.

He was carrying a heavy grip in each hand. As he passed the two men he heard one say: "That goes an easy mark with his hands full."

"My heart was in my mouth in a jiffy," said Mr. Roe. "I passed on a few steps and stopped and dropped my grip on the ground, hurriedly taking my gold watch out of my side waistcoat pocket and storing it in an inside pocket. Picking up my grip again, I hastened on and just before getting to the narrow culvert that leads Brooklyn avenue under the bridge approach I saw two men running up to me, and one of them said: 'What time is it, mister?'

"Time for you to keep running!" said I, and I will do likewise.

The highwaymen stopped at the dark and narrow culvert and I knew if I attempted to go under the bridge approach I would get sandbagged or probably beaten to death or in any event come out minus what little money and valuables were on my person.

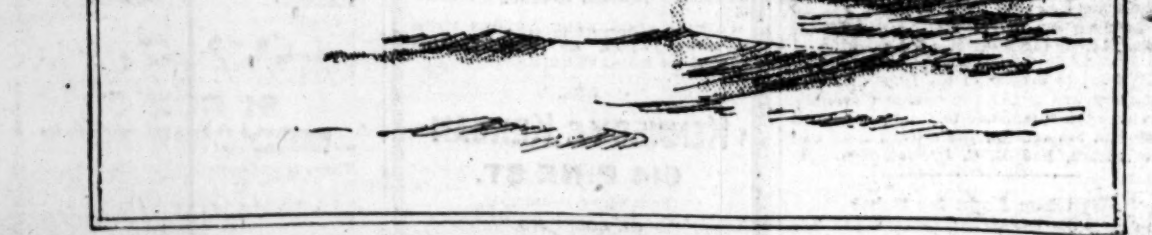
"I didn't wait for an investigation as to whether there was a submarine mine or a probability of a torpedo explosion in that vicinity, but retreated in good order to a saloon on Broadway. After gathering my wits I took my grip and walked about fourteen squares out of the nearest course to get to my hotel. I will not grow any more for a year, I'm sure. Those hoboos may be standing in that culvert yet for aught I know. I shall never forgive the policeman at the bridge car waiting room for directing me to take the Brooklyn avenue route to the Martell house, either."

THE GRAND JURY WILL TAKE UP DR. SIMMONS' CASE ON SATURDAY.

The investigation into the shooting of Emil Davison, by Dr. C. F. Simmons, before the grand jury has been postponed until Saturday. Through some misunderstanding some of the witnesses appeared at the jury room Wednesday.

Davison had not been subpoenaed and of course did not appear. This gave rise to a report that he had left the city.

THE MAINE'S MIDSHIP SECTION.



This Post-Dispatch Photograph Was Taken on the Side Opposite the One Published in the Post-Dispatch Monday.

## A FUSILLADE OF FRIDAY BARGAINS.

COME EARLY TO-MORROW MORNING AND AVOID THE RUSH. Almost \$100,000 Still Left in Clothing, Dry Goods, Shoes, Hats, Ladies' and Gents' Furnishing Goods, Cloaks, Millinery, Carpets, Rugs, Lace Curtains, Laces, Embroideries, Notions, etc., etc., at 10 Cents to 35 Cents on the Dollar.

### Ladies' Furnishings from the Busted Fair.

Corsets and Muslin Underwear. UMBRELLA OF PRICES. Lot 1—Busted Fair 80c Corsets; our price 25c  
Lot 2—Busted Fair 80c Corsets; our price 30c  
Lot 3—Busted Fair 1.00 and 1.25 Corsets; our price 48c  
Busted Fair 25c drawers 10c  
Busted Fair 50c drawers 22c  
Busted Fair 75c drawers 29c  
Busted Fair 75c skirts; our price 39c  
Busted Fair 1.00 skirts; our price 48c  
Busted Fair 1.50 chemises; our price 23c

Hosiery—Less Than Half Price. Children's fast black ribbed Hose, Busted Fair Price 8c; our price 2c  
Ladies' Seamless black ribbed Hose, Busted Fair Price 10c; our price 5c  
Ladies' and children's fast black Hose, Fair Price 15c; our price 7c  
Ladies' and children's imported fast black Hose, Fair Price 25c; our price 10c  
Ladies' lisle thread and silk mixed fancy colored top, or plain black, Fair Price 30c and 35c; our price 12c and 14c

Underwear—Extraordinary Savings. Ladies' Non-shrinking Wool Vests and Pants, silk crocheted neck and silk front, and pearl button finish, Busted Fair Price 80c and 90c; our price 25c  
The Rubens Infant and Wool ribbed Vests, Busted Fair Price up to 50c; our price 19c  
any size

Ladies' and Men's Umbrellas. Ladies' full size 26-inch Umbrellas, natural wood handles, Busted Fair Price 29c  
Men's full size 26-inch Umbrellas, natural wood handles, Busted Fair Price 29c  
Ladies' English Gloria Silk Umbrellas, with steel rod and hand painted Dresden handles, Busted Fair Price \$1 and \$1.25; our price 59c

### MEN'S FURNISHINGS, BUSTED FAIR STOCK.

Men's and Boys' White Undershirted Shirts, Busted Fair price 50c  
Woven Overlaid Negligee Working Shirts, Busted Fair price 50c  
Heavy Navy Blue Overalls, Busted Fair price 60c; our price 35c  
Extra Heavy Camel's Hair Shirts and Drawers, ribbed tail and pearl button finish, Busted Fair price 80c; our price 45c  
Fast Black Seamless Socks, Busted Fair price 10c; our price 4c  
Seamless Cashmere Merino Socks, dark colors, Busted Fair price 10c

COLLARS AND CUFFS. Four-Ply Lisle Collars, all styles, Busted Fair price 25c; our price 12c  
Same Quality Cuffs, Busted Fair price 25c; our price 12c and 15c

KID GLOVES. Assorted styles and colors, Busted Fair price 75c; our price 35c  
Busted Fair Falsa & Marguerite 11 and 12 French Kid Gloves; our price 55c  
Ladies' Cashmere Gloves, black and colored, Busted Fair Price 15c; our price 5c  
Silk Taffeta and Cashmere Gloves, also Silk Mitts in black and colors, Busted Fair Price 25c; our price 12c

Ladies' Handkerchiefs. Busted Fair Stock. Plain White and Colored Bordered Hemstitched and scalloped Edge, Swiss Embroidered, etc., Busted Fair Price 10c and 12c; our price 5c and 6c  
Busted Fair Price 10c and 12c; our price 5c and 6c

### BOYS' CLOTHING.

Busted Fair Stock. Busted Fair Boys' 1.50 Suits, our price 67c  
Busted Fair Boys' 1.25 Suits, our price 88c  
Busted Fair Boys' 25c Knee Pants, our price 9c  
Busted Fair Boys' 25c Knee Pants, our price 17c  
Busted Fair Boys' 25c Knee Pants, our price 29c

SHOES. Busted Fair Stock. Busted Fair Child's 7c Shoes, our price 35c  
Busted Fair Child's 7c Shoes, our price 35c  
Busted Fair Boys' 1.50 Patent Tip Lace or Button Shoes, our price 69c  
Busted Fair Boys' 1.50 Oxfords, our price 78c  
Busted Fair Boys' 1.50 Oxfords, our price 89c

BOYS' HATS AND CAPS. Busted Fair Stock. What's left of the Busted Fair Boys' 1.50 and 1.25 Hats, our price 5c  
Busted Fair Boys' 1.50 Hats, our price 5c  
Busted Fair Boys' 1.50 Hats, our price 5c  
Busted Fair Boys' 1.50 Hats, our price 5c

BOYS' WAISTS AND BLOUSES—Three Extraordinary Bargains. Busted Fair Price 10c  
Busted Fair Price 10c  
Busted Fair Price 10c  
Busted Fair Price 10c

### Ladies' Cloak Dept.

BUSTED FAIR STOCK. All Busted Fair 1.50 Laundered Percale and Embroidered Shirts, 49c  
All Busted Fair 1.50 Merino Print and German Calico Wrappers, 49c  
All Busted Fair 1.50 Linen Duck and P. K. Skirts, 49c  
All Busted Fair 2.50 Figured Brilliantine and Novelty Dresses, \$1.45  
All Busted Fair 3.00 Handsomely Brocaded Silk Dress Skirts, \$3.49  
All Busted Fair 3.00 Flowered Silk and Velvet Skirt Waists, go at \$1.45  
All Busted Fair 3.00 Fur and Braid Trimmed Boucle or Heaver Capes, \$2.49  
As long as they last

BOYS' BUSTED FAIR STOCK. 104 Unbleached Sheeting, Busted Fair price 3c, our price 11c  
Checked Apron Gingham, Busted Fair price 3c, our price 3c  
Turkish Towel, Calico, Busted Fair price 3c, while it lasts 21c  
Turkish Towel, large size, Busted Fair price 15c, our price 71c  
B. L. L. Towel, large size, wide, per yard, 31c

NOTIONS—BUSTED FAIR STOCK. English Pins, Busted Fair price 3c, our price 2c  
Elastic, Busted Fair price 7c, our price 3c  
Fiebler's Knitting Yarn, all colors, Busted Fair price 25c per skein, 12c  
Hooks and Eyes, Fair price 5c, per card, our price 2c  
Wholesome, Fair price 10c, our price 3c  
Ice Wool, Busted Fair price 10c per box of eight balls, 21c  
Bone, Jet and Metal Buttons, Busted Fair price up to 50c per doz, our price 2 doz, for 2c

## NO WORK, MONEY, OR FRIENDS

George Schmitt Tells Why He Killed Himself in Forest Park.

George Schmitt, a laborer, was found unconscious on a bench near Post-Dispatch Lake in Forest Park at 6 o'clock Wednesday night, suffering from morphine poisoning. He was removed to the City Hospital, where he died two hours later.

William C. Waldo of 2118 Eugene street and William E. Goodwin of 6146 Morgan street found him lying on a bench. An empty bottle and a loaded pistol found beside him indicated that he had hesitated in his choice as to the means of self-slaughter.

In his pockets were found a handkerchief, a pocketbook containing 40 cents, and a memorandum book containing the name and address of "George Schmitt, 1214 Arawatha street." On leaf of the book was scribbled in German the following farewell note:

"I am very sorry that I have to commit this rash act and I know what else to do. I have no work, no money, no friends. I am a failure. God bless you all. GEORGE SCHMITT." The body was taken to the Morgue to await further identification and the inquest.

## RECORDED LEWIS' RULING.

Mrs. Langendorf Also Wants to Be Married Without Being Divorced.

A few days ago Recorder of Deeds Marton D. Lewis ruled that if an undivorced woman made affidavit that she had not been married to her husband for seven years and believed him dead, she was entitled to a marriage license. He issued the document on that occasion to a Mrs. Scheppe.

Hearing of how Mrs. Scheppe had been made happy without incurring the cost and trouble of a divorce, Mrs. Bertha Langendorf of Ivory Station, St. Louis County, visited the Court House Wednesday to have her affidavit taken.

Mrs. Scheppe three years better in the matter of news from her missing husband, who has been absent almost 10 years. She wants to marry John Ryan, if he is still alive.

Mr. Lewis was not in and his deputies refused to promise to issue a license. The lady then applied to Judge Rossier, who advised her that to secure a divorce was to avoid possible Enoch Arden complications in the future.

## PEOPLE'S RAILWAY COMPANY.

Hearing of the Action to Remove Charles Green as Receiver.

There was a formidable array of legal talent before Judge Withrow Thursday morning in the case of Lewis M. Rumsey against Charles Green, receiver of the People's Railway Company.

Mr. Rumsey is asking for the removal of Mr. Green from the receivership. Among the lawyers engaged in the case were Noble & Stephens, Albert Aronson, Thomas Kinealy, Herman A. Hausen and others. The removal is asked on the ground that Mr. Green is unfriendly to the heaviest bondholders and stockholders.

## BURIED BY A FALLING WALL.

Child Fatally Injured and a Man Severely Hurt.

A falling wall in the rear of 808 South Fourth street Thursday morning probably fatally injured Mary Eliza Wood, aged 10 years, and seriously wounded Jacob Miller, aged 24.

The child's right arm and right leg are broken; a hole was pierced through her right cheek and her right eye was injured. Dispensary physicians say she was also seriously injured. She is at the City Hospital.

Jacob Miller was in the employ of the South Side Wrecking Co., which had the contract to raise the old combination stable and wagon shed.

The job was partially completed. On the east side 12-foot brick wall remained standing. Miller was in the alley, directing his men close to him stood Mary Wood, looking on. A sudden gust of wind swayed the pile, and the loose bricks and mortar fell with a crash on Miller and the child.

Miller's left leg is broken between the knee and thigh, and it is thought he is injured internally. He refused to go to the City Hospital, and was taken to his home at the northeast corner of Second and Gratiot streets.

Mrs. Wood accompanied her child to the City Dispensary. The father was formerly night watchman at the City Hall. He lives at 807 South Third street.

## EXCITING TIMES AT A TRIAL.

A Vitriol Thrower Fights and One of Her Friends Fights.

Two weeks ago Essie Davis of 706 North Twelfth street, invaded the room of Mrs. Mollie Day in the same house, and threw a shower of acid on her furniture, damaging it to the extent of \$100. Mrs. Day's way of getting even with Mrs. Day after a quarrel.

A police summons charging destruction of property was issued, and Essie was tried before Judge Stevenson in the Second Criminal Police Court Thursday morning.

The trial was attended with exciting incidents. When Judge Stevenson imposed a fine of \$15 on Essie, she did the Mrs. McAdory specialty by promptly fainting. When a deputy marshal undertook to revive her, she revived herself so promptly as she had fainted.

As Mrs. Day was leaving the court room a friend of Essie's, who was indignant because her companion was fined, attacked her vigorously. Mrs. Day resisted as fiercely, and there was all kinds of a time until deputy marshals interfered and separated the angry women.

## ABOUT TOWN.

ALLEGED DIAMOND ROBBERY.—Alice Whitehead, colored, of 138 Chestnut street, was arrested Wednesday night on suspicion of having stolen two diamond rings valued at \$100 from Mrs. Elizabeth Buschman, 222 Lucas avenue. The rings were stolen from a pocketbook, and the Whitehead woman, who has been working for Mrs. Buschman, suddenly left her job about the same time. She denies her guilt, and the rings have not been found.

PATRIOTIC ODD FELLOWS.—The St. Louis Odd Fellows' Association celebrated Washington's Birthday in the Odd Fellows' Building Wednesday night. Col. Nicholas M. Bell delivered an address on Washington. and Col. H. Martin lectured on "Patriotism." A fitting close to the exercises was the singing of "Star Spangled Banner" by the entire audience.

## PRODIGAL IN BAD LUCK.

Frank Sweeney, Estranged From His Family, Hurt at Wabash Building.

An accident at the Wabash building was a result in the return of a prodigal son. His anxious relative, Frank Sweeney, has been working for the wrecking company which is dismantling the building. Wednesday evening at quitting time, he started to descend from the third floor by means of a rope.

The rope slipped and he fell to the sidewalk. His right arm was broken, his body was lacerated and he was internally injured. He was taken to the City Hospital. Thursday morning it was thought he would recover.

Thursday at 4 o'clock a man, who said he was J. B. Day and said it was necessary to make inquiries about Sweeney's condition. He said Sweeney belonged to a wealthy family, and was living at 100 Minnesota avenue. He said Frank was the black sheep of the family and had been knocking about for some time, living precariously. They had returned two weeks ago from Kansas City, and Sweeney's relatives did not know of his presence in the city.

## COULDN'T STAND PROSPERITY.

James Armstrong Read Good News and Fell in a Faint.

James Armstrong could not stand prosperity. He got a letter Thursday morning and went up to the reading-room of the Public Library to read it. It was from an insurance company and told him that his brother H. J. Armstrong, recorder of the United States River Survey Boat, who died recently, was insured for \$100,000, which was to be divided equally between him and his cousin.

The news caused him to faint. He tumbled under a table and his face was badly contused. The fall revived him and he went to the City Dispensary for repairs.

He gave his address to Dr. Newcomb at 100 South Commercial street, and told the story of the letter and the fainting spell. His brother was the well-known newspaper man who recently died at Cairo.

## MAGICALLY EFFECTIVE TREATMENT FOR WEAK MEN OF ALL AGES.

FREE TO ALL MEN.

NO MONEY IN ADVANCE. We send an appliance and scientific remedy sent on trial to any reliable man who writes to us at once, enclosing this offer. Every obstacle to happy marriage removed. Full strength, vigor and manhood given to every portion of the body. Values impossible to describe.

ERIE MEDICAL CO.

## A Few Prominent Leaders as a Fore-runner of what you can expect to find here the coming season--These values will crowd our busy store to-morrow. Remember, all new goods.

READ:

## NEW SKIRTS.

All-Wool Skirts, full 4 yards wide, in plaids, checks and Scotch mixtures, percaleine lined, velvet bound at the correct spring combinations and colorings—skirts that we will sell later in the season for \$6.50; to-morrow we will sell just 200 of them at \$2.98

Heavy Twill, All-Wool Serge Skirts, in black and the new blue, 4 yards wide, percaleine lined, velvet bound, new cut—a positive \$5.00 value; to-morrow we will sell just 100 of them at \$1.98

## NEW WAISTS.

New Spring Suits in fine quality serge and light-weight broadcloth, all new styles and new cut skirts; Jackets with revers braided and button trimmed, 20 inches long; colors black and blue; a full \$5.00 value; to-morrow we will sell just 50 of them at \$2.49

## NEW WRAPPERS.

We will also sell 50 dozen Spring Wrappers, made of percaleine and indigo. These Wrappers are made extra wide, ruche, collar and sleeves braided trimmed, waist of wrapper lined. They are equal to the best \$1.00 Wrapper in the market. Choice to-morrow—49c

## SIEGEL HILLMAN & CO.

THE PARISIAN.

## COWBOY HINZ DISCHARGED.

He Killed a Brutal Brother-in-Law in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Herman Hinz, a Texas cowboy, was tried in the King's Court today for manslaughter. He was charged with the killing of his brother-in-law, John Hinz, on Jan. 18 in Brooklyn.

Hinz was discharged. Hinz argued that his brother-in-law was the aggressor and that he was justified in killing him. The jury deliberated for more than nine hours, and then gave a verdict of manslaughter for acquittal. Hinz shot his brother-in-law for cruelty to his (Hinz's) wife.



## TAKING MORE SLICES OFF PRICES!

Workmen are now at it, hammer and tongs, pulling out our store front. Inside there is more or less upsetting and confusion—but we will make it richly worth your while to put up with these annoyances.

### CLOVES.

All our Ladies' \$1.00 and \$1.25 Kid Gloves—all colors—will be offered Friday at.

**69c**



### TRIMMING.

Just in—a sample line of Pearl and Colored Bead Yokes, Boleros and Blouse Fronts—very elegantly made on silk cord—some in the lot actually worth \$1.00—all in one lot Friday at

**25c on the Dollar**

## A Regular Picnic In MEN'S UNDERWEAR.

We place on sale Friday morning a lot of Men's perfectly made Undergarments, such as All-Wool, Camel's-Hair, Wool Mixed, Piece-lined, etc.—not a garment in the lot ever sold before under the same worth \$1.50—Take your pick while they last—Friday at.

**25c**

### Overalls and Jumpers.

A big lot Painters' Overalls and Jumpers, perfectly made of best heavy twilled material, guaranteed superior to any on the market, worth \$2.00 to \$2.50 each, take your pick Friday only.

**12c**

### Men's Socks.

1 lot Men's Fine Seamless Fast Color Half Hose, in tan, brown, black, white, and fancy stripes—excellent quality, really worth 15c a pair, our price Friday.

**5c**

## NOTIONS AND SUNDRIES.

Ladies' 10c Coin Purse, each	1c	Good Large Writing Tablets, each	3c	10c Bone Casting Bolt, each	5c
10c Pat. Hooks and Eyes, each	2c	10c Corset Steel, each	4c	Ladies' 15c Coin Purse, each	5c
10c Yard Spools Sewing Silk, each	2c	10c Bottles Vaseline, each	4c	Ladies' 25c Fine Leather Belt, each	9c
10c Yard Spools Sewing Silk, each	2c	10c Bottles Vaseline, each	4c	25c White Metal Photo Frames, each	10c
10c Yard Spools Sewing Silk, each	2c	10c Bottles Vaseline, each	4c		

A lot of Applique Sideboard Sets, made up to sell at \$1.50; go Friday at.

**69c**

## Shoe Sacrifices.

New Spring Stocks arriving—the older lines must go!

Misess' Genuine Vici Kid Spring Heel Lace Shoes, coin and opera toes, sizes 11 to 2, C, D and E lasts, positively \$1.50 values, Friday and Saturday at.

**98c**

### Shirts.

A big lot Men's Top Shirts, white, laundered, fancy bosoms, chest and sleeve, fast color percales, etc., worth up to \$1.00 each, take your pick Friday at.

**29c**

### Suspenders.

10 dozen Men's Good Quality Elastic Suspenders, latest Improved buckle and warranted, formerly sold at 20c, Friday, per pair.

**9c**

### Carpets, Curtains, Etc.

Just 15 of these large 36x12 inch Smyrna Floor Rugs, handsome designs, regular \$1.50 value, slightly soiled, to clear.

**\$1.95**

### TRIMMING.

A lot of Colored Hand Gimp, Jet, Silk Gimp and Braids—worth 12c a yard—Special for Friday.

**3c**

### LADIES' COWNS.

A lot of Ladies' Muslin Night Gowns—made with embroidered yoke and trimmed with ruffles, worth 50c each—Friday at.

**39c**

### NIGHT DRAWERS.

30 dozen Children's Canton Flannel Night Drawers—well made and worth twice the price—Friday at.

**15c**

## EXTRAORDINARY SALE OF REMNANTS

FRIDAY—IN WHICH THE MOST ASTOUNDING PRICES EVER QUOTED WILL RULE THE DAY!

Remnants of Dress Silks. Such as were 35c a yard at Friday at.

**13c**

Remnants Colored Dress Goods. Such as were 50c a yard at Friday at.

**12c**

Remnants Black Dress Goods. Serges and Cashmeres that were 40c and 50c a yard at Friday at.

**22c**

Remnants of Dress Linings. All remnants of Linings worth 5c a yard, Friday at.

**2c**

Remnants Table Linens. Such as we sold at 40c a yard, Friday at.

**22c**

Remnants of Toweling. Remnants of Checked Toweling, worth 75c a yard, Friday at.

**6c**

Ords and Ends Towels and Napkins. Huck and Bath Towels, 100 each, go Friday at.

**5c**

Remnants Laces and Embroideries. The 12c Lace Remnants, per yard, Friday at.

**4c**

Remnants of Voilings. Such as ought to bring 50c a yard we give away at Friday at.

**5c**

Remnants Calicoes and Cincinams. Remnants 5c and 6c Calicoes, per yard, Friday at.

**2c**

Remnants of Flannellettes. Those worth 10c a yard Friday at.

**5c**

Remnants of Ticking. The 10c quality go Friday at.

**5c**

Remnants of Domestic. Remnants regular 75c go Friday at.

**3c**

## ANOTHER GLORIOUS FRIDAY REMNANT SALE!

Every short length in the house—(thousands of 'em) have been arranged for the Greatest Remnant Sale this part of town has seen for many a long day—and in connection with thousands of other grand bargains will make a day long to be remembered.

### WAISTS.

A lot Ladies' Flannelette Waists, in plaids and stripes—with double yokes and full sleeves—never intended to sell under 75c—Friday at.

**39c**



### CORSETS.

A special lot Ladies' Corsets—some nursing—in white and drab—with corded busts—well worth 50c—Friday at.

**19c**

## BOYS' CLOTHING.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY WILL GIVE YOU GRAND SAVINGS.

150 Boys' Junior and Reaser Suits for ages 4 to 8, nicely made of fine Scotch chevrons, in the latest plaids, checks and mixtures and neatly trimmed, worth \$3.00, we close out Friday and Saturday at.

**\$1.65**

220 Boys' Regulation Double Breasted Suits, for ages 8 to 14, made of fine cassimeres, in black and brown, worth \$4.00, go Friday and Saturday at.

**\$1.39**

100 Boys' Regulation Double Breasted Suits, strictly all wool, in brown and gray checks and plaids, regular \$4.00 and \$5.00 values, Friday and Saturday at.

**\$2.49**

WAISTS—A lot of Boys' Waists, right medium and dark percales, newest designs and colors, regular 50c quality, Friday and Saturday at.

**29c**

SKIRTS, WRAPPERS, ETC. A new line of Children's Dresses just received—made in latest spring styles, with full skirts—nicely trimmed—special price Friday.

**\$1.25**

A beautiful line of Ladies' Black Brocade silk Dress skirts—latest cut—well made and lined for spring wear—good enough to sell at \$3.00, Friday at.

**\$3.49**

HOSIERY BARGAINS. Ladies' and Children's Fast Black Hose—a splendid quality—while they last, per pair.

**3c**

## 2 CAR LOADS GRANITE WARE

(Third Floor) AT ABOUT (Third Floor)

HALF REGULAR PRICES.

25 dozen Granite Sauce Pans—usual price 25c—Friday only.

**9c**

25 dozen Granite Wash Basins—usual price 25c—Friday only.

**9c**

25 dozen Granite Stew Pots and Kettles—usual price 50c—Friday only.

**19c**

Dozens of other Granite Ware Bargains equally attractive.

About 600 Granite Iron Tea and Coffee Pots, worth 25c and 35c. In this sale as follows:

The Tea Pots at.

**10c**

The Coffee Pots at.

**9c**

50 dozen 2-Quart Granite Buckets—usual price 20c and 25c—in this sale at.

**10c**

25 dozen Granite Fry Pans—usual price 35c—Friday's Sale at.

**15c**

2000 Granite Bread Pans—usual price 25c—Friday, only at.

**9c**

2000 Granite Basting Spoons—usual price 10c and 15c—Friday, only.

**5c**

## CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS.

Father James McCabe Not Named for a See.

THIS CAUSED MUCH SURPRISE.

ALL ST. LOUIS PRIESTS THOUGHT HE WOULD SECURE A DIOCESE.

Father Ferrier Now Mentioned as the One Likely to Be Given the Concordia Prize—He Is Now at Wichita.

Father James McCabe, rector of the Sacred Heart Church, in North St. Louis, will not be given a mitre. His information comes from one who stands in the shadow of the St. Louis Archbishop's throne. Father McCabe's name will not even come up for consideration. This will be the biggest surprise of the Bishops' conference, which is holding a session to-day at Kenrick Seminary to fill the vacancy of the Concordia See.

Among all of the St. Louis priests there is not one who has not been absolute in his opinion that Fr. McCabe would be made a bishop or at least a strong effort made to make him such. If the reverend gentleman, who is the most intimate friend of Archbishop Kain in St. Louis, ever had any hope or ambition to be elevated it is all gone up in a bubble.

Why this is not to be done is a puzzle to every priest in the diocese, who up to to-day thought they knew a good deal about the inside of affairs. But Fr. McCabe is not a rector 30 years, who has been the companion of His Grace when both made their studies in the college at Baltimore; who is a member of the Archbishop's council, and in fact stands side by side with him, is not to be honored with promotion.

The Post-Dispatch is the first paper to make this change of front public and it will not doubt attract widespread attention.

"I believe," said a well-known friend, "that the fact that Father McCabe is not to be considered exhibits a weakness on the part of the Archbishop. He is a friend of some of the priests who would not like to see a brother priest get the honor, no matter how well he deserves the place."

Archbishop Kain presided at the conference to-day, and while each participant in the proceedings is enjoined to absolute secrecy as to who the three nominees are, it is believed that since Father McCabe is out that the names will read in this wise: Father F. N. Perrier, former Vicar-General of Concordia, Kan., now of Wichita; Father Lillis of Kansas City, and Father J. J. Harty of St. Louis.

It is now the impression by those who know that Father Perrier will be the one to get the nomination. He is a French settler, and Father Perrier was on the list when Father Butler was made Bishop a year ago. Father Lillis was also on the same list.

## THE NORTH AND SOUTH BILL.

Mayor Ziegenhein Will Sign or Veto It on Friday.

Mayor Ziegenhein has not signed or vetoed the North and South Railway ordinance yet. He will not admit that he has decided what his action will be. Saturday morning at 10 minutes past 9 o'clock the ordinance will become law without the Mayor's signature if he does nothing before that time.

It is not believed, though, that the Mayor will dodge responsibility in this manner. It is the general belief that he will send the ordinance to the City Council late Friday afternoon with his signature or disapproval. The Council will meet at 8 p. m. Friday.

The Mayor said Thursday: "My action will not be known until it becomes known in the meeting of the Council. The bill is an official document. Courtesy requires that the Council, which sent the bill to me, should receive the first information of my action from me. I may send the bill to the Council Friday evening and I may not send it until Saturday morning."

## THE MASHER RELEASED.

Mercy Shown Alfred G. Burns, Who Insulted Girls at Union Station.

Alfred G. Burns, the Union Station masher, who was fined \$50 in Judge Peabody's court on Feb. 14, which decision was affirmed by Judge A. C. Davis in the Court of Criminal Correction on appeal, will neither pay his fine nor go to the Workhouse.

On request of Station Master Cookley and City Attorney Clover Judge Davis stayed the fine and the masher was released. He was released on making a statement. When he was released he handed Clerk Zapp the following note:

Hon. Judge Davis: Dear Sir—In the name of our heavenly Father, have mercy on me. I am innocent, as God is my witness. I am a comparative stranger in a strange country. This case has been founded by a lying, malicious, personal enemy, who knew my circumstances, and took advantage of the same. He wanted to ruin me. I was tried by Mr. Cookley that he would not prosecute, but he did, and I trust all in you and my God. G. BURNS.

I have suffered much.

## EXTENSION WAS PREMATURE.

Kirkwood Finds Its Enlarged Limits a Burden to Be Rid Of.

A year ago the suburban town of Kirkwood enlarged its limits, making it about four times its original size, and giving it about 5000 inhabitants. Now the citizens regret the spreading out, and the Town Board will be asked to reduce the limits, and return the part taken in to the jurisdiction of the County.

Kirkwood thought it had a good thing in the law providing for the refunding to incorporated towns of 75 per cent of all taxes collected within the corporate limits for road purposes, the amount refunded to be used for street improvements. But the Supreme Court has declared the refunding law unconstitutional, and Kirkwood is threatened with a heavy special tax to put in order the streets of the newly acquired territory, which are simply country roads.

Webster Groves, which also extended its limits, will probably follow suit in lopping off its acquired territory.

## EVIDENCE PILES UP THAT THE EXPLOSION CAME FROM UNDERNEATH THE MAINE.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Evening Star has received the following telegram from Mr. Charles Pepper, its staff correspondent in Cuba:

At this writing divers are developing important results. From examination of the interior wreckage they have secured evidence which seems conclusive that the explosion came from underneath the ship.

Some of the smaller magazines may have exploded. The main 10-inch magazine did not explode. The condition of the interior of the ship shows further probability of the wreck having been due to outside force.

The further the investigation progresses the more untenable becomes the theory which the Spanish Government adduced to show accidental cause. It is evident the Spanish case will be based on the claim that a fire preceded the explosion.

Capt. Sampson and his colleagues of the Naval Board may have outside evidence offered regarding a torpedo float producing the explosion.

Said one diver who had been engaged in the work of getting bodies out from under the hatch:

"God may be merciful to men who blew those poor fellows to eternity, but the United States should not."

This was before Long's order prohibiting officers from talking. This diver evidently thought the explosion was not an accident. He had an expert's capacity and opportunity for judging.

The Havana public is not permitted to know the intensity of public sentiment in the United States. Only meager details are permitted to be known of what happens in Washington. Congress is watched with excessive anxiety by palace officials, but the populace knows nothing of what is liable to happen.

Evidences of ill-feeling toward American people and exultation over the Maine disaster do not lessen.

The Maine inquiry dwarfs interest in Cuban politics, but recent developments carry official confession of the failure of autonomy.

## THE MAINE'S MAGAZINE LOG BOOK DISPROVES THE THEORY OF SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—The most important event of the day in connection with the Maine disaster was the receipt here of the log book, which contains official records of vessel up to the very hour of explosion. The log book is still wet with sea water and is being dried at the department. The log book shows that at the time of the disaster there was fire under two boilers, those being located near the stern. There had been no fires under the forward boilers during the day. This important record disproves the theory that heat was communicated to the magazines from the boilers, and that gas generated in the forward coal bunkers was exploded by heating boilers.

The location of the boilers in use at the time of the explosion is remote from that portion of the battleship damaged, and precludes any possibility of contact with the forward magazines or coal bunkers.

## AN AUSTRIAN NAVAL OFFICER SAYS THE MAINE WAS DESTROYED BY A TORPEDO.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—The following highly important letter has been received at the Navy Department from Capt. Wroinsky of Chicago, a former officer in the Austrian navy:

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